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Weekend weather

Lisbon: The story of next week will be a return to rain, though thermometers will remain in the mid-20s due to the increased cloud cover. The rain is expected to clear by next Thursday. **Faro:** The Algarve will record some rainfall on Saturday evening and scattered showers on Sunday. The weather is set to improve again on Tuesday. **The North:** Northern Portugal will be the hardest hit by the inclement weather this coming week, with rain set to fall for most of the coming seven days.

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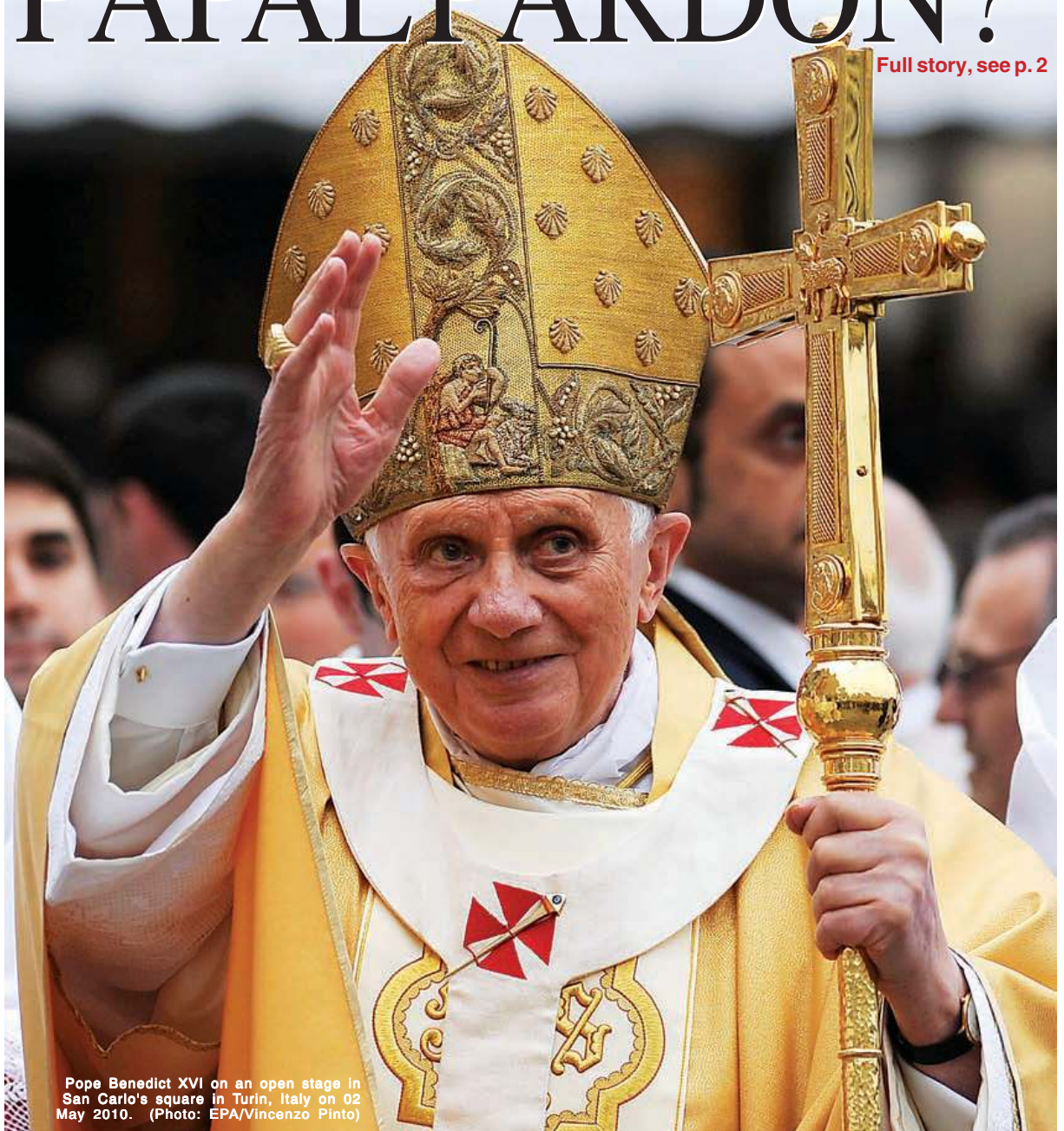
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Pope Benedict XVI on an open stage in San Carlo's square in Turin, Italy on 02 May 2010. (Photo: EPA/Vincenzo Pinto)

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Papal Pardon?

Despite being increasingly less common, Portugal has a history of issuing amnesties, with a total of seven granted during the 1980s and 1990s, resulting from papal visits or anniversaries of the 1974 revolution.

The visits to Portugal in 1983 and 1994 by Pope John Paul II both resulted in amnesties, though his whirlwind trip in 2000, the last occasion a Pope visited the country, did not result in an amnesty.

At the time, the argument against such a decision was that a general amnesty had been granted in April 1999 to mark the 25th anniversary of the revolution and that a second one in the space of just a year would be sending out the wrong message.

But for those pinning their hopes on a petition containing 5,000 signatures resulting in a minor reprieve were dealt a blow this week as political parties appeared wary of turning the Pontiff's long-awaited visit into one

remembered for a widespread amnesty, especially at a time when crime is high on the agenda of concerns amongst Portuguese.

A spokesperson for the Christian Democrats (CDS-PP) told *The Portugal News* this week that his party was not looking to present a proposal to Parliament granting a pardon to the country's offenders.

"As far as I can tell, we will not be tabling an amnesty for discussion in Parliament to coincide with the Pope's visit," said Pedro Salgueiro.

"At a time when crime is increasingly serious, more violent and more organised, a time when feeble laws and sentences are being applied, any sign of permissiveness in the fight against crime will be counter-productive," said Nuno Magalhães, who deals with matters relating to security for the CDS-PP was recently quoted as telling the *i* newspaper.

Other parties have followed similar lines, with the ruling-So-

A petition containing the signatures of more than half of Portugal's prison population is to be handed to Parliament in the hope that politicians will agree to grant an amnesty that will coincide with the inaugural visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Portugal. While prisoners serving time for serious offences might be praying for a miracle, thousands of small-time offenders, such as motorists facing losing their driver's licences, will hope that the Pope's visit will be a memorable one.

cialists saying previous amnesties often turned out to be "unfair".

The PSD, PCP and Left Bloc have also so far distanced themselves from leading the way and tabling a proposal in Parliament to discuss and vote on an amnesty.

But for Fernando Silva, the lawyer who is leading the movement for a pardon, there is scope to force an amnesty ruling through in Parliament.

"Portugal is the only European country which has not yet approved any form of amnesty this century", he argued, adding that while the initiative will undoubtedly serve to commemorate the papal visit, it will coincide with the centennial celebra-

tions of the Portuguese Republic while also marking the European Year Against Exclusion.

The petition, which calls for the full pardon of minor misdemeanours and a percentage reduction on all jail sentences, was also handed over to the Lisbon Patriarch.

"The petition is an appeal to His Holiness the Pope to intervene" and discuss the matter with Portuguese authorities during his visit from May 11 to May 14, Fernando Silva explained. He further stressed that Portugal is currently the country with the highest average of effective time spent behind bars in Europe and term reductions would not be unjust as is being suggested in certain quarters.



The stage for the Pope being built in Praça do Comércio in Lisbon for the start of his visit to Portugal. (Photo: Lusa / Mário Cruz)

Private banks rake in millions – a day

During what was described as one of the most serious financial crises in recent times, Portugal's four largest private banks reaped in €392 million during the first three months of this year, though this still remains two percent down compared with the same period in 2009. BES bank was the only private institution to report a growth in takings.

At a time when the financial markets are experiencing unprecedented turmoil, marred further by speculation of the growing costs of Portuguese debt and the recent mini-crash of European stock markets, the bank sector is, in its majority, witnessing a drop in profits.

During the first three months of 2009, BES, BCP, BPI and Santander's net profit was of €399.7 million. This year that amount fell to €391.9 million, two percent less than the year before.

Even so, per day, each of the afore-mentioned banks netted €4.35 million in revenue.

At the end of the first quarter of 2010, and in comparison to the same period of 2009, all of the afore-mentioned institutions had reported losses, with the exception of BES.

BPI suffered the greatest drop in profit, with takings ten percent down on last year's, to €45 million.

This week during a presentation the head of BES announced the institution was in the final stages of finalizing the acquisition of purchasing a minority shareholding in Mozambique's Moza Bank.

At the same time it was BES that lost the most on the stock market.

During the first three months of this year the institution fell by 11 percent and lost €664 million euros. BES was followed by BPI, which lost €135 million, and BCP, which registered the smallest losses on the capital market, at €94 million. Europe's second largest bank, Santander, lost, in total, €14 billion.

British Consul in Algarve moves to Alicante

Paul Rodwell, currently the British Consul in Portimão, Algarve, Portugal, has been selected to take up the role of British Consul in Alicante, Spain.

During his time in the Algarve, Mr. Rodwell successfully set up the new Consulate offices, organised many events and initiatives, worked in conjunction with the Department of Works and Pension/Department of Health, and led the Consular team in support

of British nationals visiting and living in the Algarve.

Paul Rodwell will continue as Consul in Portimão until handing over to his successor, which is likely to occur in July.

The British Embassy Lisbon is now recruiting for a replacement with the aim of ensuring a smooth handover so that consular support continues to the same high standard.

Alex Ellis, British Ambassador to Portugal, said in a statement sent to *The Portugal News* on

Wednesday: "Paul and the Consular team in Portimão have done an excellent job helping British nationals in the Algarve."

"He has built solid foundations for his successor to build on to deliver world leading, customer focused and cost effective services to British nationals living in or visiting the Algarve. I wish him and his family every success in Alicante as he takes up his new role within the Iberian Consular team."

Portugal loans Greece €2bn in Eurozone bailout



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"The Portuguese share corresponds to €2.064 billion, equivalent to our participation" in the European Central Bank, Lisbon's finance minister, Fernando Teixeira dos Santos, told journalists in Brussels.

"We will obviously have to assume this commitment and must respect it", he added. "What is at stake is not exactly Greece, but the single currency, our currency the Euro".

Teixeira dos Santos said there was "no risk of losing" the loaned money.

The agreed bailout involves a total of €110 billion over three years - €80 billion provided by Athens' Eurozone partners and €30 billion from the IMF.

The minister said Portugal's Socialist government would "do everything" to ensure that its own austerity programme would be successful in order to avoid facing Greece's predicament.

The government, he said, would present parliament with a series of additional belt-tighten-

ing measures this week, along with the loan proposal for Athens.

Following, this announcement, Portuguese President Cavaco Silva this week welcomed agreement on a bailout package for Greece, saying it was "good news for Europe and for the international community".

"It will also constitute proof that the values of responsibility and solidarity, already contained in the Schuman Declaration more than 50 years ago, remain alive", the president told EU diplomats at a reception at Belem Palace.

An economist, Cavaco Silva said European integration was facing one of its "greatest challenges" and that the fate of the Euro is "fundamental to the future of Europe".

"There is not, there can not be any room for stepping back from the Euro because the costs would be unbearable", he said in expressing his support for aid to Athens.

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A banner from the Communist Party of Greece (KKE) affiliated PAME trade union movement staged a takeover of the Acropolis at dawn, in protest of the government's austerity measures. (EPA/Panagiotis Moschandreu)

EC should target US ratings agencies - Lisbon Socialist leader

The European Union should consider bringing lawsuits against US ratings agencies and study the creation of its own ratings institution, the parliamentary leader of Portugal's ruling Socialist party said.

"Such measures would only make sense if they were applied at the Europe-wide level", Francisco Assis said in comments to Lusa News Agency, dismissing the effectiveness of such initiatives by a single country.

Noting that some US states had filed lawsuits against Moody's and Standard & Poor's, Assis said the EU should consider doing the same, charging the ratings agencies had contributed to speculative attacks against weaker EU economies.

Brussels, he added should look at "promoting the creation of such an agency" of its own.

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EU makes upward revision of growth forecast: puts 2010 budget gap at 8.5%

The European Commission revised its prediction on Wednesday for Portugal's economic growth this year from 0.3 percent of GDP to 0.5 percent. Portugal's 2010 budget gap will be 8.5 percent, the EC said.

Brussels said in a statement outlining its spring economic forecast that Portugal's economy would experience "modest recovery" this year and GDP will climb to 0.7 percent in 2011.

Portugal's Socialist government are rushing an austerity package aimed to rein in a record 9.4 percent of GDP budget gap last year to 8.3 percent this year, lower than the latest forecast from Brussels.

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Portugal 'very different' from Greece - Durão Barroso

European Commission chairman José Manuel Durão Barroso has downplayed the risk of Portugal being affected by the Greek financial crisis, lauding Lisbon's austerity programme and the convergence of the country's two main parties.

"I hail the determination of Portugal's authorities and also hail the fact that the main opposition party assumes a perspec-

tive of unity on this issue", Durão Barroso said on Sunday in Brussels.

"The situation in Portugal is very different [from Greece] and, beyond that, the Portuguese authorities have already announced new [austerity] measures", he said.

Durão Barroso, a former Portuguese prime minister and ex-leader of the opposition Social

Democrats, spoke to reporters ahead of the Eurozone finance ministers' meeting that approved a bailout for Athens.

Supporting the position of the European Commission chief, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development this week stressed that Spain and Portugal's economies are not comparable with that of Greece.

Comparisons between Greece on the one hand and Spain and Portugal on the other "do not reflect reality," said OECD secretary general Angel Gurría at a

press conference in Rome.

"Spain has a debt to GDP ratio of around half Greece's more or less, so obviously it is a completely different situation. Spain had four or five years of surpluses before the crisis," added Gurría. Athens' debt to GDP ratio is 115 percent compared to only 53.2 percent in Spain and 76.8 percent in Portugal.

"I think we should be very careful and very responsible in order to avoid comparisons that don't apply," the OECD chief cautioned.

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Contradictions dominate court hearings over murder of Irish tourist

The talk of the town in the seaside resort of Alvor last September was disbelief, as locals came to terms with the brutal killing of an Irish tourist who was a regular to the Algarve. The bloodstained cobblestone street along the Alvor riverside told the tale of the horrific beating of Paul Houston (51), a father of four and who had recently become a grandfather. Jones Sousa dos Santos, 27, and Diego Dias, 20, were this week told they will learn their respective fates on May 20 regarding the murder of Irishman Paul Houston on September 6th 2009 in Alvor, Portimão.

Mr Houston is said to have been beaten to death at the small village's riverside walkway at around 3.30am, dying from multiple head injuries.

An autopsy report released last September showed the Irish holidaymaker died from a post-traumatic brain haemorrhage.

It also said no marks or wounds caused by weapons were found.

The Brazilians' second hearing was held at a Portimão Court on May 4th and consisted of the questioning of the defendants, the eye-witness and other persons of interest that were in Alvor on the night of the murder.

Both Brazilian men were arrested by authorities ten days after the murder of Paul Houston after a massive nationwide manhunt.

At the time police sources said 15 detectives were working day and night to track down the suspects.

Jones dos Santos had a flight booked to Brazil for the day after his arrest, which appears to be the reason why he has been held in custody since being arrested by authorities.

In court, both defendants admitted to being involved in a fight with Mr Houston, but claimed they were unaware their actions had resulted in his death, saying Mr Houston was "sitting" after the attack.

Diego Dias claimed he was extremely drunk at the time and cannot remember many parts of the evening, whilst Jones dos Santos said he acted in self-defence.



The court case in which Diego Dias, 20 years old and Jones Sousa dos Santos, 27 years old (pictured), are being charged with the murder of Irish holiday maker Paul Houston, which took place on September 6th 2009. He was beaten to death on a walkway at the riverside in Alvor, a small tourist village in the Algarve. Their sentencing has been set for May 20th 2010. Jones dos Santos is being held in custody as authorities were concerned he may attempt to flee the country. (Photo: The Portugal News)

Both men said they had been drinking at a friend's house before going to Alvor with a group of friends.

Jones and Diego were last seen together with the victim at the Boralá bar, where they were approached by Mr Houston, who offered to buy them a drink.

According to the testimony of Nelson Silva, a barman at Boralá: "The man [Paul Houston] offered to buy them a drink, but they didn't accept" said Mr Silva, who admitted that the three individuals struck up a conversation and left the premises together, in a good mood.

"They weren't extremely drunk" he added, contradicting the statements made earlier by the suspects.

The three men were said to have headed to the riverside walkway together and, according to Jones, Mr Houston tried to grab

Diego's penis when he was urinating and a fight broke out between them.

"I saw them both fighting and Paul put Diego on the floor. He then came for me, spun me into the wall and we fell onto the floor", said Jones dos Santos, adding "I got up before him and kicked him in the neck. I then punched him three or four times and we [Jones and Diego] ran to the end of the walkway", which is a dead end.

So, they turned around and walked back to where they had come from, passing by Mr Houston.

Márcio Nascimento, Jones' brother-in-law, who was with both men in Alvor on the night of the murder, but left the defendants when they entered the second bar (where they met Mr. Houston), deciding to go to another one instead.

"I went into the bar [Boralá] to tell them it was time to leave but they weren't there", said Mr Nascimento. When they returned, he saw them with blood stains on their clothes. "They asked to leave because they had gotten into a fight" and they headed to Lagos, where they were residing, by car.

"I found out [about the murder] at my regular coffee bar a few days later. I took the newspaper to them."

Diego claims he cannot remember many parts of the night and it was Jones who told him what had happened the day after.

Both men claim they only found out they had killed Mr Houston on the Thursday after the incident and continued to go to work normally until then.

Discrepancies were noted as Diego reportedly burnt his clothes before he claimed he

found out about the death of Mr Houston.

There was one eye-witness of the incident, Mr Edwards, 44, who was residing on a boat in the Alvor estuary, about 300 metres from the scene of the crime.

"I was asleep in my boat when a noise from the shore woke me up at around 4 am" said Mr. Edwards, who went to the deck of his boat and saw two men on the walkway.

"I witnessed two men on the bank, but I did not see the victim, he must have already been down" said the visibly distraught eye-witness, adding: "One of the men was further away, with the other standing and shouting 'Putá, puta, puta', whilst making the motion of stamping on someone."

He then grabbed his binoculars and said he was very confused.

"I couldn't understand what

was going on. In my mind I knew there was a third person" but he could not see him. "After a few minutes, the man that was furthest [away] came and started with a hitting motion as well."

He then saw them walking towards the dead end of the walkway, after looking down at the ground.

Five minutes later the men returned, about 50 metres apart.

"As the first one walked past the area where I had seen the initial movements, he looked down again and made a hand motion" described Mr Edwards, who then saw them meeting with a group of people closer to the bars area and walking away together as a group. "I believe both men were equally involved in what happened" said Mr Edwards, who broke into tears after confirming both men who carried out the vicious attack were in the courtroom, Diego and Jones.

While Jones dos Santos was remanded in custody, Diego Dias was released until May 20, the date upon which he will join his friend at the Portimão Court to learn what verdict has been reached by the panel of judges hearing the case.

Paul Houston, a successful businessman and avid golfer from County Donegal, Ireland, had been on holiday in Alvor last summer, with his wife Celine and another couple, Phillip and Marian Devlin.

Three days into their stay the party had gone out to the village for the evening.

When the others decided to call it a night and return to their hotel, the Dom João, Mr. Houston carried on by himself until the early hours of September 6th. His wife contacted police when by midday the following day, Sunday, he had not returned.

Paul Houston's funeral was held last September in Greencastle, Co. Donegal, where thousands of mourners attended.

At the time, Greencastle parish priest Fr. Paddy O'Kane told mourners of how he met Mr Houston, president of Greencastle Golf Club, a short time before he headed off on the ill-fated holiday with his wife and friends.

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One in three drivers killed behind the wheel were drinkers



Internal Minister Rui Pereira presenting road accident statistics at a press conference in January. (Photo: Lusa / Tiago Petinga)



Recent statistics from the National Road Safety Authority (ANSR) have revealed that one in three drivers who are killed while behind wheel were found to have been under the influence of alcohol.

Paulo Marquesa, President of ANSR, told Lusa News Agency this week that "One in three drivers who die as the victims of road accidents are found to have excess alcohol in their blood, and one in four who are autopsied have over 1.2 grams of alcohol per litre of blood", in their systems.

Paulo Marquesa's comments were made after a meeting with 40 road safety specialists where strategies to reduce the consumption of alcohol while driving were debated, organized by the European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) and ANRS.

Driving while under the influence of alcohol is one of the most common risk factors that cause road deaths in Portugal.

"We shouldn't refer to [these incidents] as 'accidents', we should call them disasters provoked by irresponsible drivers", Mr. Marques declared.

According to the head of ANSR, Portugal's strategic objective is to "significantly reduce the number of drivers who are killed by 2015".

"Over time Portugal has mapped out a very positive path. At the beginning of the decade we were the worst country in the EU and we managed to reduce the number of deaths by half and we are now close to the European average", he stressed.

But while the number of deaths on Portugal's roads may have been slashed by more than half, the statistics reveal a tendency for stagnation regarding deaths related to alcohol consumption, which when compared to the rest of the EU, is described as 'worrying'.

Authorities carry out alcohol checks on more than half a million drivers every year and the statistics show that between 2005 and 2009 the number of offenders has grown by 20 percent.

This news follows latest figures which show that the number

of road deaths reported on national roads has climbed considerably this year after registering the least amount of fatalities on record last year.

The Authority for National Road Safety (ANSR) said that road deaths rose by 12.8 percent between January 1 and March 21 compared with the same period in 2009.

Portuguese authorities, in accordance with what is customary across Europe, have undertaken to include deaths which occur up to 30 days after a traffic accident.

However, these statistics have not taken into consideration deaths that occurred in the ensuing month.

The strong increase in fatalities in 2010 will almost certainly result in a renewed drive by the Government to boost road safety awareness and an increase in traffic policing to clampdown on offending motorists.

Once seen as the most dangerous place in Europe to drive, Portugal has over the years climbed steadily to a position where it is now in the top half of countries on the continent which boast the safest roads.

Back in 1998, Portugal reported 1,865 fatalities on its roads. By last year, this figure had plummeted to 738, down by five percent on the previous year, national traffic security agency ANSR said at the beginning of the year.

At the turn of the millennium, a plan was drawn up to reduce the number of fatalities on national roads, with the Government accused of being too optimistic in setting a target of 874 victims for 2009. In the end, this target was comprehensively beaten.

Furthermore, in the space of just four years, Portugal managed to slash fatalities from three a day in 2005 to two a day in 2009, translating into a 33 percent drop.

EC welcomes growing endorsement of eCall in-car system

The European Commission has this week welcomed five more Member States endorsing the revolutionary eCall in-car emergency system.

This life-saving system automatically dials Europe's single emergency number 112 in the event of a serious accident and could save up to 2,500 lives per

year in Europe when fully deployed.

At a ceremony in Brussels on 4th May Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Malta and Romania

signed the EU's Memorandum of Understanding to implement eCall across Europe, joining 15 other European countries that have already signed.

European Commission Vice-President for the Digital Agenda Neelie Kroes said: "I am very pleased that 20 Member States are now signing up to deploy eCall. This system is an excellent example of how information and communication technologies can improve and even save the lives of citizens."

Supporting this view, European Commission Vice-President for Transport Siim Kallas said: "The eCall system can save many road users' lives every year and I am therefore delighted that an increasing number of Member States are now committed to putting the system in place".

With Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Malta and Romania signing the eCall Memorandum of Understanding they now join the 15 EU countries and 3 other European countries which have committed to deploying eCall (Austria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, The Netherlands, Sweden, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland).

In 2008, more than 1.2 million accidents on Europe's roads caused around 39,000 deaths and more than 1.7 million injuries. The eCall system is estimated to cost less than €100 per new car to install.

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EU warns Portugal over nature protection shortcomings

Following this announcement, EU Environment Commissioner Janez Potocnik said: "Natura 2000 sites protect vulnerable habitats, which in turn helps to safeguard the animals and plants which live there. Member States must comply with EU laws to protect these sites and safeguard Europe's precious biodiversity."

The Commission in its final warning to Portugal, said the action concerns requirements under EU nature protection law.

The case concerns the Montinho da Ribeira resort at Alentejo in the Alentejo region. The resort falls within a site protected by the Habitats Directive and in the vicinity of a Special Area of Conservation for wild birds (Costa Sudoeste sites).

The resort includes 322 villas, 40 apartments and a hotel. It also foresees two golf courses, road infrastructure, a water treatment station and a waste water treatment plant. Four other resorts are also planned nearby.

According to the EC, the impact assessment carried out by the Portuguese Authorities was not adequate as it under evaluated impacts on a number of species and habitats, and failed to evaluate the cumulative impacts with other projects foreseen for the sites.

It did, however, acknowledge that the project is likely to have significant impact on a number of protected wild bird species and several protected habitats.

Portugal has two months to respond. The Commission will

The European Commission said on Wednesday it is pursuing legal action against Portugal for breaching nature protection legislation. The Commission said it is sending Portugal a final warning over an inadequate impact assessment for a tourist resort development in the south of the country which falls under the Natura 2000 programme.



European Commissioner for the Environment Janez Potocnik (2-L) on a bicycle during an electric bike race at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, on March 24th during European sustainable energy week 2010. (Photo: EPA/Olivier Hoslet)

then decide whether to refer the case to the European Court of Justice.

Europe's nature is protected by two key pieces of legislation, the Birds Directive and the Habitats Directive. Under the Birds Directive, Member States are obliged to designate all of the most suitable sites as Special Protection Areas (SPAs) to conserve wild bird species. The Habitats Directive requires Member States to designate sites of Community Importance (SCIs) for the conservation of natural habitat types, and to protect various listed species. Together, SPAs and SCIs form the Natura 2000 network of protected areas, which is the EU's most important instrument for conserving natural habitats and the animal and plant species they contain.

EDP Renovaveis profits down 15%

First-quarter operating profits of Portuguese renewable energy company EDP Renovaveis dropped 15 percent due to increased costs resulting from boosted installed capacity, company sources said Wednesday.

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Revered architect celebrates first Algarve project



Renowned Portuguese architect Siza Vieira will undertake the future Museu do Barrocal project, which will take shape in Paderne (Albufeira) and will be his first ever creation in the Algarve.

Albufeira Mayor Desidério Silva told Lusa News Agency that the village of Paderne had also inspired a new brand that will soon be launched.

The Paderne project will be Siza Vieira's first building in the Algarve. It is expected to be approved by the end of the year with work anticipated to com-

mence in 2011, the Mayor affirmed.

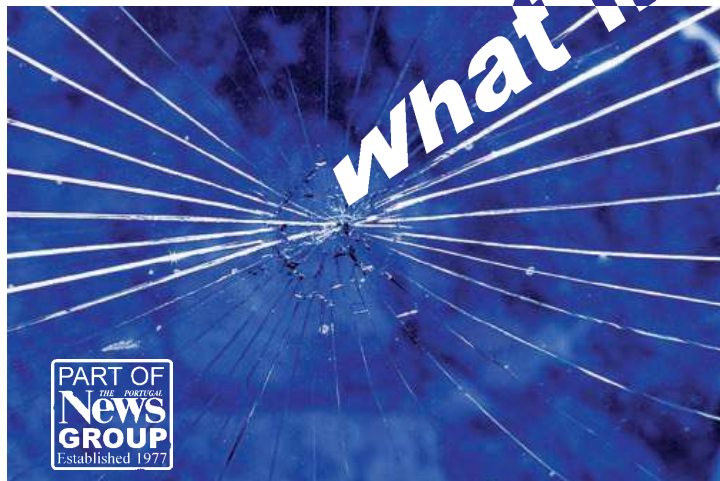
Estimated to cost €2.2 million, the Museu do Barrocal will gather and display a huge range

of regional contents, which are examples of local economic resources, rural techniques, construction, dietary habits, traditions, and flora and fauna exhibits.

Albufeira Town Hall is also currently preparing to launch the new 'Paderne' brand, which aims to bring new, fresh dynamics to the region.

According to Desidério Silva, the construction of the Barrocal Museum is another step towards ensuring that the village is not forgotten.

He said that the "Siza effect" alone will be "highly motivating" in bringing more people to visit the region, considering it an "honour" that the architect accepted creating the project for the future cultural venue.



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On both days there will be a draw for prizes from, amongst others, LuzDoc, Ryanair Travel, Casa Bela Moura, Algarve Airports Centre, and Barlavento Balloons.

Health care specialists LuzDoc are giving away a free nutrition consultation with expert Kathy Thornhill as well as a free consultation and first treatment in facial rejuvenation with acupuncturist Peter Hall.

Ryanair Travel are giving three pairs of return flights for two people to Memmingen, Madrid, Oporto, Paris Beauvais, or Billund (terms and conditions apply).

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Also on Saturday and Sunday there will be a draw for a flight in a hot-air balloon, courtesy of Barlavento Balloons, and Casa Bela Moura, of the Portugal Hospitality Group, is offering two, two-night 'get-away-from-it-all' packages for two at a 'Portugal Hospitality', with accommodation of your choice.

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'Look to France', Econ Min tells national execs

Portuguese firms looking for lucrative exports market should look to France, whose economy is showing green shoots of recovery, Economy Minister José Vieira da Silva said this week.

The Portuguese minister was speaking after a meeting with around 20 national company chiefs currently doing business in France. The encounter was chaired by Prime Minister José Sócrates and comes ahead of an upcoming bilateral summit in Paris.

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EU updates aviation security rules to simplify and improve procedures



New measures to streamline and simplify the EU framework for aviation security, first put in place in 2002 after the September 11 attacks, came into force this week.

The revision, says the European Commission, is about better regulation – simplifying and improving procedures to make it easier for the aviation industry on a daily basis to implement safety controls, without any reduction in security.

For passengers, the package opens the door for the EU to negotiate “one-stop shop” security agreements with third countries – allowing for the possibility to reduce re-screening for transfer passengers.

Most importantly, it sets a clear deadline for the lifting of the current restrictions on the carriage of liquids in cabin baggage – new screening equipment for liquids must be used in all airports across Europe by April 2013.

Overall, the package aims to improve the passenger experience, shorten transfer times at airports and reduce costs.

Siim Kallas, Commission Vice-President in charge of transport, said: “A lot has been learnt since the first EU-wide rules putting in place common aviation

security standards were put in place after September 11.”

He added: “This is about building on the experience of recent years and streamlining procedures, so that on a daily basis security controls are easier for the industry to implement. For passengers, the aim is also to simplify wherever possible the necessary security controls. In that sense this package takes a significant step forward in signalling the beginning of the end for the current restrictions on liquids in cabin baggage, with a clear and final deadline of April 2013”.

After the September 11 terrorist attacks, the EU adopted its first common rules on aviation security in 2002, with detailed provisions on access to sensitive areas of airports, aircraft security, passenger screening and baggage handling, control of cargo and mail, staff screening and training, and items prohibited on board planes or in airports. Before 2002, each Member State had its own rules for aviation security.



The security scan at Schiphol airport shows a picture of the passengers without clothes. As of last December, Schiphol had approximately fifteen of these devices on a trial use, but passengers were not obliged to use them. (Photo: EPA/Ed Oudenaarden)

Jet2 launches Manchester-Funchal route



UK-based low-cost airline Jet2 has launched what Portugal's State Secretary for Tourism, Bernardo Trindade, described as an “important” step for Madeira with a weekly flight between Manchester and Funchal.

At a time when Madeira is experiencing a 20 percent slump in visitors from the UK, State Secretary Trindade said Jet2's latest launch was “the outcome of three years’ coordinated and articulated work” between national and

local government.

“It is a response from Madeira that I consider to be important to a market that is imperative to the region”, he said.

The partnership, which involves the Association for Pro-

motion of Madeira, Tourism of Portugal, and ANAM – Airports of Madeira, is also the result of the Initiative:pt project.

Those responsible for this new route estimate that Jet2 will carry around 15,000 tourists from the

UK to Madeira by the end of this year.

The island has recently experienced a 20 percent slump in visitors from the British market, confirmed by regional director for Tourism, Raquel França.

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Tourism chief claims sector is “main national industry”



The President of the National Tourist Board this week singled out the sector as the country's “main national industry”, describing it as “the only one” that creates internal wealth and employment via its exports.



Luis Patrão, President of the National Tourist Board. (Photo: Lusa / Tiago Petinga)

“Tourism is the only one [sector] that exports by bringing buyers from the outside, inside, to consume its products here, creating wealth and employment on national territory”, Luis Patrão said, speaking during an international conference on ‘Mediterranean Gastronomy: A treasure from generations’, which took place this week in Évora.

When asked about the role tourism was playing in helping the country overcome its current economic difficulties, the tourism chief highlighted that the sector “is taking huge steps” towards being Portugal’s “main national industry”.

“The volume of consolidated business” generated by tourism in Portugal, according to Luis Patrão, represents “around seven

billion euros per year”, which could “clearly increase” without requiring any “extraordinary efforts” from anyone involved in the sector.

National tourism is characterized “two thirds by external demand and one third by internal demand”, which, Mr. Patrão said, “is a very good indicator” of the sector’s potential, bringing “diverse types of wealth and economic development” to the country.

Keeping within the context, he affirmed that the tourist product that encompasses gastronomy and wines could still be worked upon and improved to reach the type of professionalism portrayed in the hotel industry.

When this category of professionalism “can also be trans-

ferred to the general catering industry, so that the average quality of service reaches the highest levels, then we will be bringing more benefits to tourism” to “attract more external tourists”, he argued.

To reiterate the importance of gastronomy and wine within the tourism sector, Luis Patrão stressed that regions should first improve their products and then the promotion.

“When we sit at a table in a restaurant and we chose a dish it is desirable that something is explained or elaborated on the menus”, he exemplified, stating there should always be an interaction between those who serve and those who are being served” to give the dimension of “a real cultural experience”.

Around 260,000 EU asylum applicants registered in 2009

According to figures released this week by the official European statistics agency Eurostat, people wishing to stay in the European Union as asylum seekers topped a quarter of a million last year.

In 2009, there were nearly 261,000 asylum applicants registered in the EU27, or 520 applicants per million inhabitants.

The main countries of citizenship of these applicants were Afghanistan (20,400 or eight percent of the total number of applicants), Russia (20,100 or eight percent), Somalia (19,100 or seven percent), Iraq (18,700 or seven percent) and Kosovo under UN Security Council Resolution 1244

(14,200 or five percent). This data on asylum applicants in the EU27 is taken from a report issued by Eurostat.

In 2009, the highest number of applicants were registered in France (47,600 applicants) followed by Germany (31,800), the United Kingdom (30,300), Sweden (24,200), Belgium (21,600), Italy (17,500), the Netherlands (16,100), Greece (15,900) and Austria (15,800).

Portugal, was near the bottom

of the list, with only 140 asylum requests, which was only higher than Latvia, Estonia and Iceland.

Portugal was also the EU member to receive the smallest number of asylum requests in relative terms.

Authorities studied 90 of the 140 cases it received and granted the right of asylum to 50.

Most of the bids came from Africa, with Guinea-Conakry topping the list.

Olhão’s first five-star hotel opens this month



The first five-star hotel to be located in the municipality of Olhão will open this month amidst high expectations that the unit will attract a niche market in the region that had previously been neglected.

Olhão Mayor Francisco Leal said the hotel will boost tourism in a city that had until now been “unnoticed” by this sector.

Despite being scarce, tourism that does exist in Olhão veers more towards the rural market. Because of this the region’s new five-star establishment is generating “very high expectations” regarding Olhão’s economic development, Francisco Leal said.

The Real Marina Hotel & Spa comprises 144 rooms, 12 of which are suites. It will also feature two restaurants – one boasting panoramic views over the estuary – and conference rooms with a seating capacity for more than 600 people.

Located near the Ria Formosa, the new hotel – the eighth in the Real Hotels Group and their third

five-star unit – is complemented by an 80-apartment residential development, the Real Marina Residence. Real Hotels have two units in Albufeira, three in Lisbon, one in Cascais and one in Oeiras.

Speaking to Lusa News Agency, Mayor Leal stressed that, even though the region has taken its time to fully “embrace” tourism, as a result it has been afforded the “luxury of being more reflective” and subsequently to promote quality tourism.

“There is a lot on offer in the region and we think that it only makes sense if [what we offer] is quality”, Francisco Leal said, highlighting the positive knock-on effect that the opening of the hotel could have on other sectors

such as commerce and restaurants.

“The fact that it is located on the riverside area will contribute towards developing other activities” he stressed, explaining that there are “paradise-like islands” right in front of Olhão, and that the city is rich in places to visit.

The eastern side of the city will soon also see another high-quality tourism project emerge, which is believed to include a village, hotel and golf course. The project’s Detailed Plan (*Plano de Pormenor*) has already been approved, Francisco Leal revealed.

It was also confirmed that interest has already been shown by several potential investors in a 1,100-bed project planned for the opposite side of the city.



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Consumer centres join to help volcanic ash passengers

The package unveiled this week includes a standard complaint letter, contact details of all airlines and other practical advice.

ECC-Net handles about 60,000 cases annually for consumers who turn to them for advice or for help with problems they experience while shopping or travelling across borders within the EU.

In 2009, more than one in five (22.5 percent) complaints tackled by ECCs concerned air transport.

During the first week of the volcanic ash crisis, the number of cases handled by the network rose seven times. From the start, the ECC-Net was put on full alert, working closely together to ensure co-ordinated assistance to EU consumers.

EU Health and Consumer Policy Commissioner John Dalli said: "EU consumer rights apply even in extraordinary circumstances. In fact, talks on aiding the companies which suffered as a result of the ash crisis must be linked to their respect for passenger rights".

He added: "Thousands of consumers affected by flight disruptions are still rightly clamouring for their rights to be respected in practice. My message to them is: do not hesitate to claim what is yours. If an airline or a tour operator continues to ignore your rights, a European Consumer Centre near you can be your next point of call".

The ECC-Net has been working since the start of the volcanic

network of European Consumer Centres (ECC-Net), supported by the European Commission and operating in all Member States (plus Iceland and Norway), has come out this week with a practical complaint package, which is designed to help consumers affected by recent flight disruptions to exercise their consumer rights guaranteed under EU laws.



A file photograph showing the Iceland volcano Eyjafjallajökull continuing to erupt early 18 April, causing widespread air traffic disruption with clouds of volcanic ash. (Photo: EPA / S. Olafs)

ash crisis to offer practical help to passengers who got stranded as a result of flight disruptions and are experiencing difficulties having their consumer rights respected. The number of consumers who have contacted ECC-Net for help or advice on air passenger rights has risen seven times during the first week of the crisis compared with the previous week.

The European Commission and the ECC-Net have made available - in all languages of the EU - a practical complaint package which will help consumers effectively claim their rights.

The European Consumer Centres specialise in helping EU consumers who have had problems shopping for goods or services in another EU country.

This news emerged on the day that volcanic ash returned to cloud parts of northern Europe, particularly affecting Irish and northern UK airspace.

This week's ash-cloud forced the cancellation of 14 flights from Portugal to Ireland on Tuesday, but officials said there was no immediate threat of the cloud reaching Portugal.

New eruptions overnight on Monday from the Icelandic volcano, that has disrupted North Atlantic and European air travel since April 14, were again threatening the continent.

An official at Lisbon's Meteorology Institute told Lusa News Agency there were no early signs that the ash cloud would move south into Portuguese airspace.

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Mozambique lauds Portugal's "bold" debt pardoning



President Armando Guebuza of Mozambique has praised the "bold decision" taken by Portugal to write off his country's €393 million debt and also highlighted the "excellent relations of friendship and cooperation" between the two Lusophone states.



Mozambique's President Armando Guebuza (L) talking to Prime Minister José Sócrates (R) before their meeting 30 April at the São Bento official residence in Lisbon. (Photo: Lusa / Tiago Petina)

Speaking during an official visit, Guebuza said there is ample room for closer cooperation between his country and Portugal, whose finance minister, Fernando Teixeira dos Santos, said pardoning of Mozambique's debt had not been a unilateral initiative by Lisbon but rather an international effort led by the World Bank and IMF to assist heavily indebted states.

Later at a banquet in honour of his visiting counterpart, President Cavaco Silva pledged his country's continuing solidarity with its former southeast African colony. Increasing numbers of reciprocal high-level visits signal both countries' determination to strengthen their strategic partnership, added Cavaco Silva.

Portugal's leader, an economist, said his country's investments in Mozambique have increased four-fold in the past five years to make it the second-largest overseas investor there "in spite of the last two years' problems". TPN/Lusa

Biggest shipbuilder wins €120m Greek contract

Portugal's ENVC shipyard in a northern port city has been awarded a €120 million contract to build two ferries for a Greek operator, company sources said.

An ENVC source said last week the deal with shipping operator Hellenic Seaways is a "breath of fresh air" for Portugal's principal shipyard, which has not built a non-military vessel for more than two years.

ENVC's accumulated losses in 2009 rose to €60 million after it was forced to pay compensation to the Azores regional government for failing to build a ferry to specification.

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- Every country where you have been insured for at least one year will have to pay an old age pension when you reach pensionable age. For example, if you have worked in three countries, you will get three separate old age pensions once you reach pensionable age.

- This pension will be calculated according to the number of years

that you worked in that country. If you were insured there over a period of many years, you will receive a relatively 'high' pension. If not, your pension will be relatively 'low'.

What happens if you work in a country for less than a year? Will you lose any contributions paid there?

The answer is "no", although this is best illustrated by example: You were insured in Belgium for 10 months, in Germany for 9 months and in France for 15 years, then finished your working life in Italy, where you made contributions for 7 years.

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The result is not just in the interest of migrant workers but also in the interest of the Member States, in that every country pays neither more nor less than the pension which has been "earned" by the contributions of the worker.

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Shanghai Expo showcases national electric cars



The 2010 Shanghai World Expo is getting underway and the event is an unparalleled chance to show gasoline-dependent China electrically powered vehicles and their support networks produced in Portugal, an official said.

João Reis, head of the Office for Electrical Mobility in Portugal (GAMEP), told Lusa News Agency China's economy is becoming increasingly dependent on fossil fuels with a consequent negative impact on its carbon emissions.

Although Chinese companies are already developing electric vehicles, Portugal can show some

highly innovative clean solutions to the emerging Asian superpower's gasoline fixation, added Reis.

Portugal is developing a national vehicle recharging network and GAMEP expects to have around 1,300 plug-in points by the end of next year. This project is being displayed in Portugal's pavilion in Shanghai.

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A young boy pushes a pram in front of the 'Seed Cathedral' inside the UK pavilion on the second day of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo in Shanghai, China on 02 May. The expo officially opened 01 May, and the organizers expect the 6-month long event to attract approximately 70 million people. (Photo: EPA/Diego Azubel)



A man polishes a Volvo Electric C30 during the preview day for members of the press at the Beijing Auto Show in Beijing, China, 23 April 2010. Volvo said it will sell its new electric car, C30 in China, and plans to make further car launches in the near future in what is now the largest car market in the world. (Photo: EPA/Diego Azubel)

First quarter stats point to budget gap under 8.3% for 2010

Preliminary budget implementation data for the first three months of this year and the expedited execution of government austerity measures mean Portugal's budget deficit this year could be below 8.3 percent, Finance Minister Fernando Teixeira dos Santos said.

Minister Teixeira dos Santos gave his forecast for this year's fiscal shortfall to cabinet colleagues, telling reporters afterwards that Portugal's Socialist executive is committed to reduce the budget gap by 1.1 percent to 8.3 percent in the current financial year.

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New social security rules for Europeans on the move

New rules on social security coordination entered into force this week. These new rules, the European Commission explained in a statement, will facilitate intra-EU mobility for workers, but also for young people and other citizens (such as retired people or job seekers), laying the foundations for the new EU strategy for jobs and growth - Europe 2020.

The new regulations, like the current ones, do not create any new entitlements to social security but guarantees that rights in the area of sickness insurance, pensions, unemployment and family benefits are preserved in the event of moving within Europe.

Above all, it will bring about substantial changes to the way

coordination will work in the future. Citizens are now at the heart of the system. The main focus of this modernised coordination is to ensure the better protection of citizens' rights.

This includes: Actively providing information to citizens; Enhancing cooperation between Member States; Developing electronic exchange of information; Introducing simplification of the rules. For information on social security coordination see the Commission's new Web site: <http://ec.europa.eu/social-security-coordination> VNR on modernised coordination available for audiovisual media at: http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/video/video_prod_en.cfm?prodid=10980&src=3&type=details

Foreign Minister on Equatorial Guinea business visit

Portuguese Foreign Minister Luís Amado completed a two-day official Equatorial Guinea visit on Tuesday accompanied by over 30 company chiefs meeting contacts that were aimed to boost ties between Lisbon and the Spanish-speaking West African state eyeing membership of the Lusophone bloc, officials said.

Ahead of his trip, Minister Amado told Lusa News Agency he wanted more balanced economic relations with Equatorial Guinea, to which Portugal currently exports virtually nothing but imports significant amounts of oil.

Among Amado's business delegation were representatives from Lisbon-headquartered energy firm Galp Energia, construction, and renewable energy and aviation companies in Portugal.

In 2012, Equatorial Guinea

hosts the Africa Cup of Nations football tournament. This event will require large infrastructure projects and Portuguese business wants to be involved in these, noted Lisbon's Foreign Minister.

Already an observer at the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP), Equatorial Guinea now seeks to become the ninth member state of the Lusophone club spread across four continents.

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The Cimpor Factory in Alhandra. (Photo: Lusa / António Cotrim)

Cimpor shareholders appoint new board chairman, CEO

Cimpor has chosen António Castro Guerra as its new chairman following recent entries into the Portuguese cement maker's shareholder structure of Brazil's Votorantim and Camargo Correa.

Cimpor's new chairman, chosen last Thursday at a shareholders' meeting in Lisbon, is a former state secretary for industry and

was proposed by Camargo, Votorantim, Investifino and Caixa Geral de Depósitos.

Cimpor's principal investors also selected Francisco Lacerda as chief executive. TPN/Lusa

Removing tax obstacles to cross-border venture capital investment

The European Commission has published a report which outlines the double taxation problems that arise when venture capital is invested cross-border, as well as possible solutions.

The report sets out the findings and recommendations of an independent group of EU tax experts, which was set up by the Commission to look at how to remove the main tax barriers to cross-border investment in venture capital. Venture capital is a vital source of growth for small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Therefore, facilitating venture capital investment within the EU is crucial for good economic growth. The Commission will now consider how best to follow up on the findings in the Report, in line with its broader agenda to eliminate double taxation in the EU.

Algirdas Šemeta, Commissioner for Taxation, Customs, Audit and Anti-Fraud, said: "Venture capital is the lifeblood for many SMEs. And, as recognised in the EU's 2020 goals, improving the business environment for SMEs is crucial if we are to build a stronger, sustainable economy. Therefore, we must make an efficient European venture capital market a reality, and this means eliminating any tax obstacles that still stand in its way."

The report summarises the main findings and conclusions of the Expert Group on Removing Tax Obstacles to Cross-border Venture Capital Investments. The group was set up by the Commission in 2007, as one of a series of measures aimed at facilitating cross-border venture capital investment in the EU, to the benefit of SMEs.

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Barclays ups stake in PT to over 5%

Barclays has raised its shareholding in Portugal Telecom from 2.51 to 5.12% to become the ex-incumbent operator's sixth-largest investor. In a regulatory filing, Barclays said it acquired 1,476,616 ordinary PT shares on April 28.

Mozambique - Portugal investment fund created

The Portuguese Fund for Investment Support to Mozambique, drawing on USD 124 million supplied by Lisbon, is set to begin operating soon to finance public and private development projects by firms from Portugal over the coming 15 years.

Galp, Petrobrás team-up in trans-Atlantic biodiesel project

Brazilian oil major Petrobrás has disclosed plans to partner with Portugal's Galp Energia in a \$530 million, trans-Atlantic biodiesel project. Petrobrás said the deal involved the construction of a "green diesel" plant in Portugal at a cost of \$240 million to produce 250,000 tons of biodiesel annually beginning in 2015, primarily for the Iberian market. Costs of the investment will be equally shared by Petrobrás and Galp.

New defence aid accord to be inked with Angola

Portuguese Defence Minister Augusto Santos Silva paid a brief visit to the Angolan capital on Tuesday to sign a new bilateral defence cooperation accord. The three-year framework agreement, covering 2011-2014, was negotiated by Portuguese and Angolan delegations meeting in Luanda since last Friday.

Portuguese exhibitors top at Luanda housing, construction fair

Angola opened its first housing and construction trade fair with exhibitors coming from eight countries, including Portugal. Organiser Hélia Dias told Lusa that Portugal fielded the largest numbers of exhibitions at the event that started Thursday, with Israel participating for the first time. During the fair, officials from the eight-nation Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP) are scheduled to sign an accord setting up a confederation of national builders associations. TPN/Lusa

Violent teen criminals on the rise



The number of youngsters committing and being convicted for violent crimes is on the up; last year there were 153 teens aged between 16 and 21 doing time in Portuguese jails for serious offences.

These are criminals who kill, rape, attack, rob or traffic illegal substances, most of them are repeat offenders, though all of them are barely out of childhood.

Police who arrest such criminals say that they are initially arrested for small-time crimes, such as theft, and freed because of their young ages leading them to believe they are not punishable.

"They think the system doesn't work", a police source told Portuguese newspaper *Diário de Notícias* (DN).

"When they are put in front of a judge, in a Court of Law, and freed, they believe they have been judged. They don't understand that the procedure isn't over and they commit more crimes", said Prosecutor José Ramos.

His experience allows him to voice his opinion that there are more youngsters "from the age of 12" who commit crimes but who are not included in statistics as they cannot be punished. But when they reach the age of criminal responsibility (from the age of 16) they have a vast criminal record. "They are children who are left to their own devices but cannot find the right path", he said.

According to data from the General Prison Services Board, of the 153 youths that were last year in Portuguese prisons, 11 were doing time for murder, eight for bodily harm, and nine for rape.

The majority (including the only girl amongst them) are aged between 16 and 21 and serving time for violent robberies. Only ten were handed jail terms for

drug trafficking.

In Portugal problematic youngsters are directed through two distinct legal channels: one to protect those children who commit misdemeanours or for those whose parents do not have the suitable conditions to look after them.

The second channel is a sort of penal procedure for youths aged 12 to 16. After the age of 16 teens are tried and convicted as adults, though some believe this age should be lowered to 14, others say it should be extended to 18.

The law has been under revision since the end of last year though no conclusions have, as yet, been made public.

At the end of last year 200 youngsters were placed in the care of the country's educational centres, little more than those who were sent to jail.

Another point raised was the danger of mixing juvenile delinquents with older inmates, a point that led the General-Director of Prison Services to order all young convicts, aged between 16 and 21, irrespective of their place of residency, to be taken to Leiria's 'school-prison'. This, however, resulted in clashes between teens from the north and south of the country, riots and break-outs, leading prison chiefs to describe the solution as "disastrous".

Alternatives are being studied. Photo above right: The Minister for Internal Affairs, Rui Pereira, during a press conference in Lisbon on March 24th at which he announced annual figures relating to his department. (Photo: Lusa / João Relvas)



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Majority want EU legislation against radioactive waste

The European Commission has published a Eurobarometer survey showing that an overwhelming majority of Europeans would find it useful to have European legislation on radioactive waste management.

The concern for the safety risk related to radioactive waste is shared both in countries with nuclear power plants and those with no nuclear energy.

Günther Oettinger, Commissioner responsible for Energy said: "People throughout Europe share the same concerns, whether they have nuclear power plants in their country or not. We have to take these concerns seriously and make sure that radioactive waste is disposed safely, for our people and for our environment."

An overall majority of 82 percent of European citizens say nuclear waste management should be regulated at EU level,

according to the Special Eurobarometer survey 'Europeans and Nuclear Safety'.

This belief is extremely consistent all across the European Union.

Agreement is almost unanimous in Cyprus (93 percent), Hungary (90 percent), the Netherlands (90 percent) and Slovenia (90 percent).

On the other end of the spectrum – in those countries where the smallest number of people share the view – a consistent majority exists (Austria 59 percent, Britain 60 percent, Malta 62 percent).

While citizens also have concerns towards wrong use of nuclear materials and terrorism, a large majority of 59 percent believe that nuclear power plants can be operated in a safe manner. This EU average remained stable compared to the 2006 survey.



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Tobacco thefts total €1 million in losses



Nearly one million euros' worth of cigarettes have been stolen during the first three months of this year alone, mostly from warehouses, transport lorries, shops and vending machines.



Stolen cigarette vending machines are among other objects which were found at the bottom of a canal in Setúbal. (Photo: Lusa / Carlos Santos)

Between January and March this year 30 cigarette distribution vans were robbed of their loads worth in the region of €10,000, each totalling an overall loss of €300,000. Two warehouses were looted, resulting in a loss of €400,000, and nearly €300,000 worth of cigarettes have been stolen from vending machines, kiosks, cafés and shops around the country.

The National Association for Tobacco Wholesalers estimates that nearly one million euros has been lost in cigarette thefts in the first three months of 2010, in an industry that is plagued by violent robberies.

"It is frustrating not having a clear answer to give to businesses that are getting desperate and thinking of closing their doors", said Carlos Duarte, president of the Association.

And the problem seems to be escalating. In 2009, 83 goods vans were targeted; three warehouses and 500 vending machines in establishments.

"Every year the number of thefts rises and the consequences are tragic: Insurance companies will not renew policies because of the losses.

"This year there has been a turn-around; fewer thefts than during the first quarter of last year, but the value of what was taken is much higher, because

from just two warehouses that were robbed, €400,000 in tobacco was taken. We need answers because soon we could be losing lives", he cautioned.

The assailants are described as "highly professional, well armed and violent", an increasing number of them using weapons such as knives, pistols, and even machine guns.

In the north two thousand vending machines were stolen from vehicles and establishments, followed by Lisbon, where 500 machines disappeared. More than 200 machines vanished from the Algarve and Alentejo.

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The Next Bomb in America

Faisal Shahzad was no Timothy McVeigh, let alone a Mohamed Atta. McVeigh, who killed 168 people in Oklahoma City in 1995 with a massive truck-bomb, took the trouble to learn how to make a bomb that actually works. Atta, who piloted one of the planes that crashed into the Twin Towers on 9/11, even learned how to fly. Shahzad, who left a vehicle rigged to explode near New York's Times Square on Saturday night, was a bumbling amateur.

He might still have killed some people, of course. "(The bomb) certainly could have exploded and had a pretty big fire and a decent amount of explosive impact," said New York mayor Michael Bloomberg. But the casualties would have been in the dozens, at worst, and more likely only a few. Not enough, in other words, to drive Americans crazy again.

I'm choosing my words carefully here. Ever since the 9/11 attacks nine years ago, the US media (with the eager assistance of the Bush administration until the end of 2008) have worked to persuade Americans that terrorism

is the greatest threat facing the country. The enterprise has succeeded, and most Americans actually believe that terrorism poses a serious danger to their personal safety.

Quite a few Americans have already died as a result of that belief, not just in the wars overseas that were justified in the name of fighting terrorism but even at home. In the first year after 9/11, for example, many Americans chose to drive long distances rather than risk flying, and highway deaths went up by 1,200 people as a result. Nobody died in the planes.

Nobody has been killed by ter-

rorists in the United States since 9/11, but the fear is so great that just one big attack with lots of casualties would still have disastrous consequences. There would be huge public pressure for the government to do something very large and violent, in the delusional belief that that is the way to defeat terrorism. That is what I mean by "driving Americans crazy."

The main goal of terrorist attacks anywhere is to drive the victims crazy: to goad them into doing stupid, violent things that ultimately play into the hands of those who planned the attacks. Terrorism is a kind of political jiu-jitsu in which a relatively weak group (like al-Qaeda) attempts to trick a far stronger enemy (like the US government) into a self-defeating response.

The US response to 9/11 was certainly self-defeating. A more intelligent strategy would have been to try to split the Taliban regime of Afghanistan, many of whose leading members were outraged by the threat of an American invasion that the action of their Arab guests had brought down on their heads. A combination of threats and bribes might have persuaded the Taliban to hand over Osama bin Laden and his whole al-Qaeda crew.

It was certainly worth trying first, but the political pressure on the White House to invade Afghanistan was extreme. Even though those who knew anything about terrorist strategies understood that that was exactly what bin Laden wanted Washington to do.

Osama bin Laden's goal was to build support among Muslims for his militant ideology by convincing them that they were under attack by the infidels. The best way to do that was to sucker the infidels (i.e. the Americans) into invading Muslim countries.

The 9/11 attacks succeeded in triggering a US invasion of Af-



A surveillance camera in Times Square shows the Nissan Pathfinder (L) which was later found to contain explosives in New York, USA, 1 May 2010. The New York City Police department defused the explosives and no one was hurt in the incident, but the investigation continues. EPA/New York Police Department



One of the alarm clocks found in a vehicle in Times Square which was found to contain explosives in New York, USA, 1 May 2010. The New York City Police department defused the explosives and no one was hurt in the incident, but the investigation continues. EPA/New York Police Department

ghanistan (and Bush then gave bin Laden even more help by invading Iraq as well). As a result, al-Qaeda has made some progress towards its ultimate goal of sparking Islamist revolutions in the Arab world and even the broader Muslim world, though probably not nearly as much as bin Laden hoped.

Since Washington was already doing what bin Laden wanted, he had no reason to carry out further major terrorist operations in the United States after 9/11, and there is no evidence that al-Qaeda has attempted any. Faisal Shahzad's amateurish bomb certainly did not meet that organisation's highly professional standards.

Would al-Qaeda have gone with a bomb triggered by dozens of firecrackers, which were intended to set two jugs of petrol (gasoline) alight, in turn causing three propane gas cylinders to explode, and finally setting off a much bigger explosion of eight bags of fertilizer (except that it was of the non-explosive kind)? I think not.

But would al-Qaeda now be interested in carrying out a big attack in the United States, if it could manage it? Probably yes, for by the middle of next year US troops will be gone from Iraq. There is reason to suspect that Barack Obama's ultimate goal is to get



Faisal Shahzad is a Connecticut resident with dual citizenship who recently returned from a trip to Pakistan where he received bomb training from Al-Qaeda operatives.

them out of Afghanistan too, even if he first has to protect his flank politically by reinforcing them.

As long as American troops are occupying Muslim countries, bin Laden's cause prospers. If they leave, the air goes out of his balloon. He therefore now has a strong motive for mounting a major terrorist operation on American soil.

The goal would be to drive Americans crazy enough that they decide to keep fighting the "war on terror" on Arab and Afghan soil. The last thing al-Qaeda wants is for the infidels to go home.



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After working as a fully qualified mechanic in the UK for 12 years, Matthew Sidwell moved to the Algarve eight years ago and established Tyres-R-Us at the beginning of 2006.

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The large, modern garage is located in the Odiáxere industrial park, near Lagos, easy to find and with ample parking.

At around the same time that Mat-

thew moved to Portugal, fellow ex-pat, Romanian Cosmin Deac, also arrived in Portugal and set up his own upholstery business.

Cosmin studied and worked as a dress-maker before turning his talents to upholstery and soft furnishings, and joined forces with Matthew in 2006.

Their unlikely partnership blossomed and Cosmin now works from his own studio above the Tyres-R-Us garage.

As well as collecting and delivering the furniture that is to be upholstered, Cosmin offers an average three-day service on basic sofas.

Other services include made-to-measure awnings, canvases, Jacuzzi covers, blinds, and all fabric items.

The man who knows what's what

Thomas Grünberg makes people happy, although he is not carrying the lottery millions in his suitcase. He is a drain cleaner, the man for unpleasant emergencies. For the last 10 years the father of 3 children has been ready for action, covering all of the Algarve.

Golf balls in the drains or roots in the sewage system - small problems for Thomas: "Some people think our job to be disreputable, but we are working with modern technology. With the help of an inspection camera, electronic detection system, root cutters and high pressure jets we free the drains with ease."

He refuses the use of chemicals: "The Algarve is a sensitive ecological system. Many substances can cause severe damage, which is why their use is strictly forbidden in Germany."

That's where he learnt his trade. They demand a lot from tradesmen and the regulations are very strict: "I also stick to the same quality in Portugal."

A common problem in the sewage systems in the Algarve are the 'caixas', manholes where the pipes

of bathrooms and kitchen come together to continue into one pipe that leads to the mains or into a septic tank. Many times these 'caixas' are not visible, either hidden in the garden or

even under the tiles of the patio. If roots grow into them, the whole system can be blocked. So the roots have to be found, which can be done easily with the help of good equipment.

Thomas Grünberg has a cooperative partner for all plumbing and tile works. He left Germany in 1993, where he made his living with a car workshop and the exportation of machines. He runs a small workshop here as well, but his main job is the drain cleaning, with the support of his youngest son.

The family has lived in Portugal for many years: "This is our home, we have never lived for this long in one place", because, in reality, the Grünbergs were globetrotters. They have lived in many countries and traveled a lot but finally settled in the Algarve.

"The good thing about my job is that I can help my clients out of hopeless situations and they always say farewell to me with a smile."



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Man falls to his death after stabbing fellow partygoer



A party in an apartment in Quinta da Fonte, Loures, ended badly last weekend when a 33 year old was stabbed. Soon after, the man who stabbed the other fell from the seventh storey of the building, plunging to his death.

The case is still under investigation as authorities are unsure how the man who stabbed another partygoer died; whether it was suicide or homicide.

When authorities arrived at the scene at around 1am on Sunday night, there was a stab victim lying in the apartment surrounded by friends. The victim was taken to Santa Maria Hospital, although he did not suffer serious injuries.

His alleged aggressor was

found dead on the street, seven floors below. All evidence indicates that he fell from a window of the apartment where the party was taking place.

The homicide investigators questioned some of the witnesses but could not figure out if the man committed suicide by throwing himself out of the window, or if he was thrown out by someone else, although there was no evidence of a physical struggle inside the apartment.

Up to 300,000 expected in capital to see Pope

Portuguese police said this week they are preparing for between 200,000 and 300,000 people to gather in Lisbon next week during the visit of Pope Benedict XVI, with as many as 200,000 taking to the streets of Oporto to see the

pontiff.

Pope Benedict visits Portugal from May 11-14 with STOPS in the capital, Oporto and the Catholic shrine of Fátima, located roughly inbetween the country's two principal cities. TPN/Lusa



Portuguese player Rui Machado in action during his first-round match against Chilean player Nicolas Massu on the second day of the Estoril Open at Jamor complex in Oeiras, Portugal, 4 May. Machado won his match 6-2; 6-4. The other Portuguese hopeful, Frederico Gil, also progressed into the second round after beating F. Mayer in three sets (6-2; 6-7; 6-3). EPA/TIAGO PETINGA

Terreiro do Paço reopened this week

Lisbon's Terreiro do Paço reopened last weekend in time for the mass which will be held on May 11th during a special visit by Pope Benedict XVI.

A source from the Sociedade Frente Tejo said that after the Pope's visit scaffolding would be erected so renovation work on the building's façades could commence.

The same source added that the objective is to transform Terreiro do Paço into a "square for the people to use" and that the work that has recently been completed did not suffer "added costs or slip-ups".

This first phase of work is re-

ported to have cost some €20 million.

Last Monday Prime Minister José Sócrates affirmed that soon the Government could start allowing concessionaries to operate in spaces freed up by Ministries.

Speaking at the time Lisbon Mayor António Costa said it was "essential that these spaces be rapidly put up for public tender so they can be occupied by restaurants or cafés".

"We want to see this square full of esplanades where people can really enjoy themselves and where the Government can also apply the respective rent for use of its patrimony", he explained.

In reply, the PM promised that soon "public tenders will be launched for the concession of the spaces" freed up by the Ministries, "so that once and for all Terreiro do Paço will be at the disposal of the city and its citizens".

More people cremated than buried in Lisbon

Times are changing and so are traditions as more people, particularly in the region of Lisbon, are opting to be cremated and their ashes scattered rather than be buried.

Scattering ashes at sea or placed in biodegradable urns is fast becoming a widespread practice, and demand for funeral catering services is growing.

For the first time in the first three months of this year more cremations were carried out during funeral ceremonies than burials, in Lisbon's cemeteries.

A growing number of funeral parlours are offering new services, such as catering and photography, and more and more Portuguese are using them, a sure sign that times are changing.

During the first quarter of 2010 cremations made up 52.9 percent of the 2,500 funerals held in Lisbon, according to figures from the Town Hall.

And over the past two years the number has almost doubled throughout the country, with the construction of crematoria in Elvas, Sintra, Figueira da Foz and São João da Madeira.

"The tendency has been for the number of cremations to grow, and families come with well-defined ideas about what

they want", said Luís Baptista, of the Prior Velho Funeral Central.

Nelson Santos, of the AFA Group, said that "Around 50 percent of people who are cremated choose to have their ashes scattered at sea".

"It used to be unthinkable for water, coffee or tea to be served at funerals, but nowadays it is common", Luís Baptista elaborated, adding that more and more people are even asking to include

"biscuits or cakes".

Some funeral parlours have even included cafeterias as part of their facilities, one such example being the Servilusa chain which, since last year, has even added soup to its services.

"In some cases, around half a dozen per month, we are asked for our full services", said Servilusa's Paulo Carreira, who stressed "It is not about having a party, it is about offering comfort".

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Rock in Rio offers extra transportation to and from Algarve

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Taking place on 21st, 22nd, 27th, 29th and 30th May, spectators going to Rock in Rio, in Parque Bela Vista, will be able to count on special public transportation services throughout the event. New for this year's event is the train service connecting Faro and Lisbon, with

the other between the North and the capital also remaining in service.

Rock in Rio's organisation presented their public transportation programme this week, which comprises services from transportation companies CP (trains), Transtejo (boats), Carris (buses)

and Lisbon's Subway.

The RockCard CP costs €69 and includes return transportation to the event, by train and bus, plus one night's admission ticket for the Rock in Rio - Lisbon. In 2008's Rock in Rio, a total of 40 percent of revellers used public transportation.



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Shapely ladies invade Lagoa convent



From May 15th to the end of June Lagoa's São José convent will be inundated with interesting female forms as Dutchman Willem Sneijers holds his first ever sculpture exhibition.



Examples of the sculptures that will fill Lagoa's São José Convent.

Born in Tilburg, Holland, Willem has lived and worked in the Algarve since 1983. From 1969 to 1979 he studied various subjects at the acclaimed 'Akademie voor Beeldende Vorming' art academy in Holland. For the past five years Willem has taught drawing and sculpture at Lagoa's Art School.

However, art has featured consistently throughout his life, whether painting, drawing, playing music, or sculpting, but until recently it remained a hobby.

Willem Sneijers' first exhibition will be inaugurated on May 15th at 17h00, when around 75 of his oversized sculptures, some weighing up to 50 kilos, will be unveiled.

An open invitation is extended to all readers to attend the inauguration, which will also feature live music.

His sculptures, detailed three-dimensional figures produced from a range of materials, are true works of persistence. Asked why his interest in the female form, Willem jokingly replies "because I don't like horses very much".

Of the art of sculpting, Willem explains "the material is the boss, it tells you how to work and you need to be very patient; sometimes you have to work quickly, and other times you have to take things very slowly".

Over time Willem has gradually created a large collection of interesting sculptures which will now, for the first time ever, be put on display for the public to see.

"My sculptures don't really fit into a category", he told **The Portugal News**, "They are created from matters that I find in-



teresting and develop upon".

Now on the verge of opening his first exhibition, Willem denies considering himself an artist. As unpretentious as his naked sculptures, he says "I am not an artist, I am just Willem and I like to do these things".

GNR sergeant arrested on cocaine charges



Algarve's Judiciary Police arrested a Loulé GNR sergeant last week, who is suspected of being connected to a large drug trafficking network operating in the Algarve. He was caught with over 3,000 individual doses of cocaine in his possession.

The GNR sergeant was under Judiciary Police surveillance when he was accosted by officers on the EN 125, near Maritenda, Boliquireme. Their suspicions were confirmed when 104grams of cocaine, enough for 1,200 individual doses, were found inside his vehicle. The criminal's house was then searched by officers, where a further 133grams were found, as well as digital precision scales, pocket knives, mobile phones and other objects related to drug trafficking. Altogether, the seized cocaine was enough for over 3,000 individual doses.

It is thought the sergeant's job was to supply the drugs to dealers who then sold them to consumers.

The sergeant was denied bail and taken to São Brás de Alportel. He was later transferred to a military compound in Tomar, where he will be kept until his court case begins.

His sentence is likely to be lengthy due to his functions as a police officer and he was denied bail by Loulé Courts because it was considered he would attempt to escape.

Investigations are still being carried out to see if the sergeant is connected to a larger criminal organization.

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Naked woman arrested in Faro after heavy drinking

A 27 year old Brazilian woman was arrested in Faro in the early hours of Saturday morning. She was running after a man completely naked on Senhora da Saúde road, after being refused sex by him. It was later discovered she was residing illegally in the country and was arrested.

The Brazilian woman came to the Algarve capital to attend the well known 'Semana Académica' week-long celebrations, organized by the Algarve University. According to authorities, both the woman and the man came from Ourém, and, after drinking excessive amounts of alcohol, the woman stripped naked at their friend's house, where they were meant to stay overnight, and demanded sex from the man.

After refusing to have inter-

course with her, the woman went into a fit of rage inside the house and the young man decided to run away. She was following him through Faro's streets completely naked, oblivious to the fact she was almost hypothermic when authorities took her to hospital, later being arrested for residing illegally in the country.

According to the man of her desires, "we are just friends and I had pointed that out to her before coming to Faro."

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Portuguese university honours novelist Pepetela with doctorate



The University of the Algarve has distinguished Angolan novelist Pepetela with an honorary doctorate.

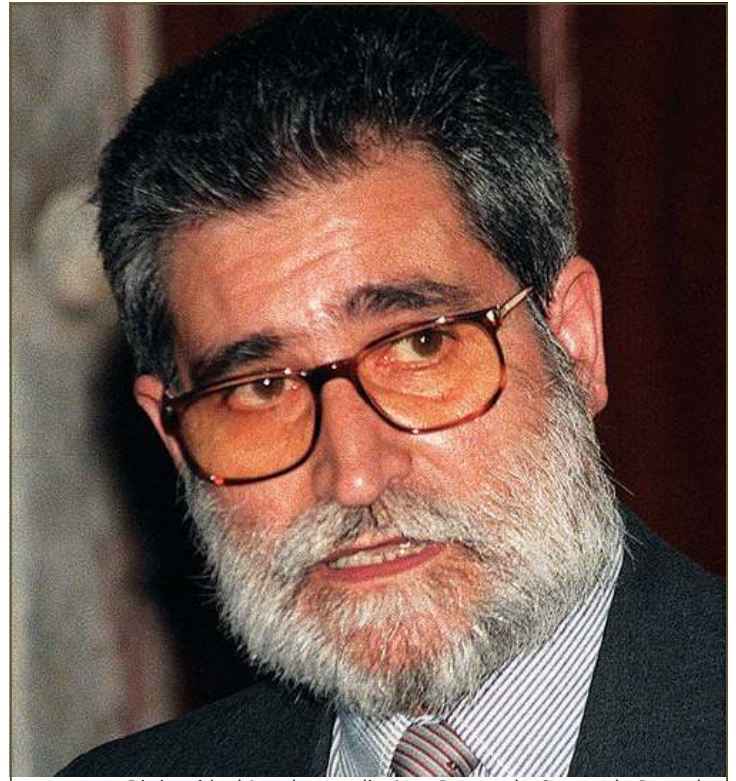
On receiving the accolade last week in Faro, Pepetela, whose real name is Artur Pestana dos Santos, dedicated the award to Angola's people, saying it was "impossible to separate the work and life of a writer from the history and culture of his people".

The son of a Portuguese colonial family, Pepetela devoted his youth to fighting for Angola's independence in 1975, and his work reflects that struggle and the country's evolution since.

His early militant novel

'Mayombe' recounts the life of a nationalist guerrilla unit, and more recent works, like 'A Geração da Utopia' and 'Predadores', speak of disillusionment with the results of oil-rich Angola's independence.

TPN/Lusa



Distinguished Angolan novelist Artur Pestana dos Santos, aka Pepetela.

Released Zoomarine turtles tracked round globe in real-time



Three turtles that had spent practically their entire lives in captivity before being released back into the wild are being tracked on their global treks by experts at the Zoomarine Sealife Centre in a pioneering real-time project named 'Return, Postponed'.

After spending the majority of their lives in captivity, the three turtles, Calantha, Tartaruga and Cat, were released by Zoomarine into the wild in September last year.

They were tagged and micro-chipped and are being tracked by a satellite transmitter that emits a signal pin-pointing the reptiles' whereabouts when they are on land.

The €15,000 project aims to gather more information regarding the turtles' behaviour in the wild, as well as their migratory patterns.

As well as allowing experts to track the trio, it also permits them to gather information on the progress, such as at what speed they are swimming.

Interestingly, all three turtles headed for beaches in different parts of the world.

Élio Vicente, a Zoomarine biologist, explained to Lusa "the transmitter only works when it is out of water, when it can be picked up by the satellites".

These results are documented

in real-time and can be followed online.

Over the past nine months the trio has been following completely different routes.

Calantha, the oldest and heaviest of the three, weighing in at 120 kilos, is currently in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, heading for the Gulf of Mexico. Tartaruga is in Mauritania, and Cat headed directly for Brazil.

The first two turtles were both aged around 40 and have spent practically all of their lives in captivity. Before arriving at Zoomarine, one had been in the Vasco da Gama aquarium in Lisbon, the other in a municipal aquarium in Funchal, Madeira.

Cat, the youngest turtle, was confiscated from a passenger at an airport after she was brought into the country in a backpack. She had had one of her fins amputated after been bitten by a shark.

But it was Cat who most surprised the biologists after swimming for 175 days, 8,000 kilo-

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Pensions

SIR, A few days back I was sat in my front room playing with my computer, examining my e-mails and looking at my depleting bank account when a report came on television concerning pensioners.

As I am fast approaching pension age this immediately grabbed my attention and I listened with trepidation as to what they had to say. It appears that whichever party comes to power in the coming UK election that pensionable age will be increased. It never ceases to amaze me these days that what has been set in concrete for half a century or more can be rent asunder overnight. British Rail, the GPO, National Health dentists etc., but this seems to be the case.

Then a thought occurred to me that just might be more agreeable on both sides of the equation. Instead of working our elders into the grave why not introduce conscription for pensioners? The whole lot can then be shipped out to Afghanistan where they can be used in mine sweeping exercises and act as decoys for snipers. These people who have fought wars for us and helped to make Britain the nation it was before Maggie Thatcher can then die with some semblance of dignity as opposed to dribbling over an accounts ledger in some office while suffering from Alzheimer's.

F. STEEL, By e-mail

P.S. My wife's a pensioner!

Stand-by Messrs Baugh, Clare and Lavery!

SIR, Towards the end of the 1970s the late Willie Donaldson wrote spoof letters to celebrities of the day, using the alias, Henry Root. The resulting correspondence from those who took him seriously afforded sufficient material for two best selling books. For some time now, I have been toying with the notion that a vaguely similar exercise has been running at **The Portugal News** and that Michael Baugh, John Clare and Ron Lavery, among others, are pseudonyms adopted by your editorial staff as a device for filling this page and provoking reaction from your readers.

It would certainly explain a lot and, on reflection, the thought of those letters, ostensibly the work of individuals sad enough to feel a continual need to air their opinions in the press, being, in fact, no more than the product of in-house artifice, is infinitely more appealing than the alternative.

One could explore the issue further by analysis of style and content: happily, however, life is far too short.

PETER RICHMOND, Barão de São João

Sorry, Mr. Richmond, The Portugal News cannot take credit for the work of Messrs. Baugh, Clare and Lavery. Ed.

Sceptical of speculators

SIR, Once again we get the old chestnut about speculators doing damage to the economy (**The Portugal News**, 1st May).

However, that is not what our beloved tax collector said.

Speculators can't do any damage to the country's economic ratings. What would they speculate in? Portugal doesn't have a currency, they share the Euro which is controlled by the European bank, and used by twenty or so countries, and also for international trading.

The problem with Portugal is much the same as the problems most western economies have; they have spent money they don't have, and need to borrow. To borrow they issue bonds. They hope people will buy that debt, meaning they will be borrowing money from some entity. That money has to be paid back, and there is interest to pay on it.

If your credit is good you pay a small amount of interest. If you are a dodgy customer, and clients think there is some doubt about whether they will be repaid, they demand higher interest rates. It's normal business.

Speculators don't buy government bonds in any quantity. Pension funds do, insurance companies do, sovereign wealth funds do (they are government bodies), and foreign governments do. Recently the largest pension fund on the planet decided to sell Japanese bonds, not because they wanted to speculate. They needed the money to pay out on their pension obligations.

Banks, and pension funds don't believe Portugal can pay back its debt, so they want higher interest rates. It really is that simple.

Therating agencies have been criticised because they failed to downgrade companies like AIG who were fiddling the books. Don't complain when now they are at least doing their job, and rating entities on the likelihood of them failing to deliver on promises. Whatever you may think, Portugal has a problem with debt repayment. It will suffer accordingly.

My personal view is that they will come thru. But you and I haven't seen the books, the rating agencies probably have.

JOHN CLARE, Arao

It could happen here

SIR, The recent explosion and subsequent sinking of the BP oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico should be ringing alarm bells in the Portuguese parliament, as it already has in California, where Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has decided to rethink the plan for oil drilling off the Californian coast.

Apart from the tragic loss of life an estimated 210,000 gallons of crude oil a day is currently leaking from the damaged wellhead. If this were to happen off the coast of the Algarve imagine not only the environmental catastrophe, but also the disaster it would be for the Algarve's tourist industry.

Think also of the cost (to the tax payer) of cleaning up such a monumental tragedy.

I sincerely hope the Portugal government will reconsider any plans it may have for oil exploration off the outstandingly beautiful coast of the Algarve before it's too late.

SUE HUGHES, Alvor

At present, to the best of our knowledge, the Portuguese government has no confirmed plans to drill for oil off the Algarve coast. Ed.

Response to Beryl Hogger

SIR, Beryl Hogger (letter of last week re Goldra animal centre) thinks that APAA can simply take over Lourdes Ingles' land and buildings, then spend €100,000 modernising or extending it. The property at Goldra is all Lourdes has left after years devoted to animal welfare. Once all the animals have been rehomed I expect she will want to

sell it for far more than €100,000. And, APAA would not want to rent Goldra; they have been down that road before and then had to close their kennels because the land was put up for sale. If you want to help Goldra, Beryl, why not log onto their website www.quintinha-animal-centre.org and donate a monthly sum to help feed the animals.

As a member of APAA I know they are diligently seeking land in the Portimão to Albufeira area which has always been their sphere of activity and where their volunteers live. Finding suitable land is not as easy as Beryl seems to think. They are also trying to raise extra funds as well as conducting a spaying and neutering programme and donating food to animal carers on limited incomes.

NAME & ADDRESS WITHHELD

Volcanic ash

SIR, One of the minor pimples on Mother Nature's bum erupts again and, at the time of writing, Scotland and Northern Ireland look as though they are about to be subjected to a series of crippling on off airport closures like those suffered elsewhere a few weeks ago. If so I can only think that the 'experts' on volcano ash whose knee jerk response caused so much expensive chaos and disruption to air travel must have had their removed and released as out patients already.

On the last occasion, some unidentified 'expert' set an arbitrary figure of 2000 parts per million of ash. How it was arrived at no one seems to know. When an exasperated Civil Aviation Authority eventually got around to sending up flights to actually measure the presence of ash, the highest amount found was just 300 parts per million and for much of the time it was barely detectable.

This latest fiasco is about to join the long list of other financially crippling non events inflicted upon us by self-styled experts. The cost to the insurance

industry is said to be around £60 m. That is dwarfed by the loss suffered by airlines which is already approaching 2 billion pounds. In addition travellers stranded abroad have had little option except to pay for an expensive extension to their holidays or make their own way home overland.

No matter how abstruse or unlikely the subject, the UK leads the world in its ability to produce a specialist on it—some years ago, within minutes of the accident being reported we had an expert burbling on about, not just sunken submarines, but *Russian* ones! Sadly, even if their theories are proved to be nonsense, their reputations remain unsullied and they may even be promoted. It's a funny old world.

RON LAVERY, By e-mail

Can you help?

SIR, I am appealing to your readers for help.

On the March 14th, I left my house and before my doggy-house-sitters arrived, an Englishman, who we know, illegally broke into my house and stole my puppy, Skooby-doo.

Taking her from her bed, which she shared with my totally blind, three legged dog, who we previously rescued from Lagos, called Speedy! The Englishman admits having my dog, but refuses to return her. If any of your readers have had a similar experience, would they please contact me.

Having spent 50 years helping animals, it is heartbreaking that I've lost my own puppy in this fashion.

At this moment, I've just found a beautiful male Dalmatian (Lagos area). Please ring me if you have lost it.

LAPS, BRIDGET HICKS, Tel: 282 687 334



Portuguese for Beginners

Verbs are important words in any sentence. They show the **action** or the **state of being** in the sentence. In Portuguese, there are basically two types: **regular** and **irregular** verbs.

Using "**BEBER**", to say, let's now look at the formation of the **Present Simple Tense** - "**Presente Simples do Indicativo**" - of a regular verb in **-ER**. To conjugate such a verb we need to know the **endings**, as follows:

Eu	beb	o	bebo
Tu	beb	es	bebes
Ele	beb	e	bebe
Ela	beb	e	bebe
Você	beb	e (sing.)	bebe
Nós	beb	emos	bebemos
Eles	beb	em	bebem
Elas	beb	em	bebem
Vocês	beb	em (plural)	bebem



LESSON 32

Regular verbs in -ER in the Present Simple

⇒ Put the verbs in brackets in "**Presente Simples do Indicativo**".

1. **CIDADÃOS EUROPEUS** _____ (**temer**) **CRESCENTE CRISE ECONÓMICA**.
2. O guia _____ (**descrever**) os principais monumentos da cidade aos visitantes.
3. A Luísa _____ (**aprender**) Francês numa escola de línguas.
4. Os espectadores _____ (**bater**) palmas ao artista e este _____ (**agradecer**).
5. Quantos e-mails vocês _____ (**escrever**) por dia aos vossos clientes?
6. Todos os dias de manhã eles _____ (**correr**) na praia durante cerca de meia hora.
7. No Inverno nós _____ (**acender**) a lareira.
8. Tu _____ (**compreender**) bem esta matéria?
9. Muitas vezes os pais _____ (**reprender**) os seus filhos porque eles _____ (**desobedecer**).
10. As floristas _____ (**vender**) flores.
11. Os políticos dos vários partidos _____ (**debater**) os problemas mais sérios do país.
12. Nesta escola, os alunos mais dedicados e trabalhadores _____ (**receber**) prémios.

Vila do Bispo claims biggest hashish bust of the year

In the early hours of May 4th GNR police carried out an operation on Figueira beach (Vila do Bispo) and seized four tons of hashish, which had been divided into 25 stashes, in what is believed to be the biggest drug-bust of its type so far this year.

Seven men all of foreign nationality were detained in connection with the incident.

The swoop was made by 25 officers of the Coastal Control Unit (UCC) during a routine coast surveillance operation, sometime between 02h00 and 04h00 that morning.

During the coastal surveil-

lance a boat moving at high speed was detected. It was unsuccessfully chased by a boat belonging to the Portimão port's UCC. The suspects were intercepted on land after all of them initially tried to flee. The individuals, were held by the GNR before going to trial.

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The Algarve Dog Show



5th and 6th June 2010

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...Continued from last week...

Rafeiro do Alentejo (Rafeiro of Alentejo)

It is believed to be descended from molosser dogs from the Middle East. On account of their size and courage they were used by tribes whose livelihood depended on livestock husbandry, thus performing a crucial role for this type of community. A large sized dog, powerful, rustic, sober and calm. An excellent farm and estate watch dog, it is also a very useful livestock protector, more vigilant at night, being very serious when guarding territory or any other property entrusted to it. It has a calm and confident expression, neither aggressive nor shy. Coat: Short or of medium length, thick, straight and dense. Colour: Black, wolf grey, fawn or yellow, with or without brindling. Height at the withers:

Males: 66-74 cm. Females: 64-70 cm. Weight: Males: 45-60 Kg. Females: 35-50 Kg.

Podengo Português (Portuguese Warren Hound – Portuguese Podengo)

Primitive type dog probably originates from the ancient dogs brought by the Phoenicians and Romans to the Iberian Peninsula in the Classic Antiquity. It was subsequently influenced by the introduction of dogs accompanying the Moors in their invasions in the 8th century. It adapted to the Portuguese terrain and climate, to become what is nowadays known as the Portuguese Warren Hound. Large Podengo: used for hunting big game. Medium Podengo: also known as Warren Hound, its natural aptitude as a rabbit hunter is well used, hunting either in a pack or alone. Small Podengo: used for searching rabbits in holes and rocks. All varieties are also used

as watch dogs and as companion dogs. Coat: Two varieties: Either short and smooth or long and wire - both of medium thickness; without undercoat. The short coat is more dense than the wire coat. In the wire variety the hair on the muzzle is longer (bearded). Colour: Yellow and fawn in all shades from light to dark, with or without white markings, or white with patches of these colours. Height: Small: 20 to 30 cm; Medium: 40 to 54 cm; Large: 55 to 70 cm. Weight: Small: 4 to 6 Kg; Medium: 16 to 20 Kg; Large: 20 to 30 Kg.

Perdigueiro Português (Portuguese Pointing Dog)

The Portuguese Pointing Dog, a medium sized dog, originates from the Iberian Peninsula, descending from the old Peninsular Pointing Dog. It evolved by adapting to the climate, terrain and game and from the selection imposed by the socio-cultural

specificity of the Portuguese, who have been breeding it for centuries for hunting purposes. Its existence in Portugal can be traced back to at least the 12th century. In the 14th century it was known as the "podengo de mostra", already showing the capacity for pointing game. It was bred in the royal and nobility kennels and used in falconry. In the 16th century, already named "perdigueiro" (from "perdiz" the common Portuguese name for partridge), it was frequently used by commoners. It is extremely kind and affectionate, hardy, capable of great endurance and devotion. Calm and very sociable, but somewhat haughty towards other dogs. Curious by nature, works with persistence and vivacity. Always a keen hunting dog that stays in close contact with the hunter.

Coat: Short, hard, close, harsh and dense, covering the body. Without undercoat. Colour: Yellow of light, medium and dark shades, solid or with white patches. Height at the withers: Males: 56 cm Females: 52 cm. Weight: Males: 20-27 Kg. Females: 16-22 Kg.

Cão de Agua Português (Portuguese Water Dog)

In ancient times, the Portuguese Water Dog could be found throughout the entire Portuguese coast. Thereafter, due to continuous changes in fishing methods, the breed was located mainly in the Algarve region which is now considered as its original birthplace. Exceptionally intelligent, it understands and obeys easily and happily any order given by its owner. An animal with impetuous disposition, wilful and courageous. It has a severe, penetrating and attentive expression, as well as remarkable visual and scent abilities. An excellent and resistant swimmer and diver, it is the inseparable companion of the fisherman for whom it performs a multitude of tasks, both in fishing and in guarding and protecting its boat and property. While fishing, it will willingly jump to retrieve escaped fish, diving if necessary and likewise if a net breaks or a cable becomes loose. It is also used as a liaison between boats and shore or vice-versa, even at great distances. Coat: The whole body is abundantly covered with strong hair, with no under-

coat. There are two varieties: one long and wavy and the other shorter and curly. The first is slightly shiny and woolly; the latter is dense, lustreless and forms compact cylindrical curls. Colour: The coat is black or brown of various shades, or solid white. In this breed partial clipping of the coat, when it is too long, is typical. The hindquarters, the muzzle and part of the tail are clipped, leaving a plume of full length hair at the tip of the tail. Height at withers: Males: 50 - 57 cm. Females: 43 - 52 cm. Weight: Males: 19 - 25 kg. Females: 16 - 22 kg.

Barbado da Terceira (Terceira Cattle Dog)

The "Barbado" probably evolved from dogs used in gathering wild cattle brought by the settlers since the 15th century in the Azores islands. Loyal companion to its owner, intelligent, easy to teach, joyful, docile and wilful. Coat: Long, dense, slightly wavy, neither straight nor curled, with abundant undercoat all over the body. Colour: Yellow, grey, black, fawn and wolf grey in the pale, common and dark shades. Height at the withers: Males: 52-58 cm. Females: 48-54 cm. Weight: Males: 25-30 Kg. Females: 21-26 Kg.

Cão de Gado Transmontano (Transmontano Mastiff)

The origin of this breed is connected to the history of the Iberian Mastiffs and its evolution is linked to the migration route of the herds towards new pastures across the Iberian Peninsula. The Mastiff dog is of great size, very strong and rustic. In spite of its size and appearance this breed has a sound, docile, although quite reserved, temperament. It shows caution without being aggressive, always calm and serene. It is an exceptional watch dog when guarding the herds against the attack of wolves, very active and permanently attentive in its task. Coat: The coat is thick, plentiful and of medium length, with evident undercoat. On the head, ears, muzzle and legs the coat is shorter and finer in texture. The more common coat colours are white with black, yellow, fawn or wolf markings. These colours can be solid or brindled. Size, Males: 74cm to 84 cm, Females: 66cm



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Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has taken the time to nominate people for the Big Heart award. It is good that we can acknowledge the people who spend so much time and effort behind the scenes, to help those who can not help themselves.

All votes will be counted up until 12 midnight on 5th June 2010. The winner will be announced at **The Algarve Dog Show** on Sunday 6th June 2010 at 6pm, and a presentation will be made to the winner at that time. Good Luck everyone! Best Paws Forward!

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to 76cm, Weight: Males: 55 to 65 kg. Females: 45 to 60 kg.

So if you have any of these breeds then please bring them along for a fun day out. Register now to save doing it on the day. Go to www.algarvedogshow.com for details or pick up a leaflet from Paws4Pets, or other outlets across the Algarve.

Keep following over the next few weeks for more detailed information. In the meantime get your thinking caps on, get the children practicing and PLEASE SHOW THE ALGARVE DOG SHOW in your diaries, we will see you there.

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Milo & Me

hold had been a bit strained.

He's going though a phase that I presume must be like a toddler's 'terrible twos'. It's not just that he's naughty; it's that he's getting cheeky with it.

Milo is mobile!

Yes, the big day finally arrived on Tuesday; Milo got his last injection, first walk, and what a flipping performance it was.

Leading up to the Big Day relations between Milo the Monster and the rest of the house-

Last weekend I got a text message from a lady who has been following my diaries of Milo and who said that, while the 'Pebble Bottle' shaking technique worked on her other dogs, it was not having any effect on her 10-week-old Great Dane puppy who is too laid back to take any no-

tice.

All I can say is, at least you have a laid back puppy!

If it's any consolation, ours doesn't take a blind bit of notice anymore and laid back he definitely is not. I decided to try another technique that I had seen on TV: water squirting. I filled an empty bottle of washing up liquid with water and every time Milo misbehaved I gave him a quick squirt.

The outcome: a dog who loves water and a very high water bill.

So what with the solar-powered path lights being dug-up from the flowerbeds and re-arranged around the garden, a brand-new school T-shirt ending up with a hole in it, and a new game of nip and run being held every day, by the time we got to the vets on Tuesday I was feeling a teeny weeny bit stressed. I was worried that maybe our puppy had been possessed by some dog-demon while we weren't looking. Or worse than that, maybe we were doing something wrong.

At the vets Milo had his ears cleaned. No demons were found in there, but by the noise he made it sounded more like the vet was performing brain surgery without anaesthetic. It took three of us to get the job done: two of us to hold him still and lots of effort on the vet's behalf to do the cleaning.

Then there was the injection. Ditto.

Finally there was 'The Talk' in which a great secret was revealed: how to discipline our dog properly. From now on we will be following a simple three-step procedure that will (hopefully) set him on the straight and narrow and does not require stones or water. A good telling-off after the misdemeanour, followed by a sharp tap on the snout then isolation for a while should get the message through.

I left the vets reassured that we were doing nothing wrong and that Milo is just pushing boundaries.

It did, however, make us realise the importance of researching a dog's instincts and tendencies before actually getting one. Fortunately we did and were (mostly) aware of what we were taking on; we knew we had the time and space to satisfy its needs. But some people, and with the best of intentions, take on a dog without really understanding its nature. This, obviously, can result in a naughty or unhappy dog, and through no fault of its own. And as we all know, a dog is not just for Christmas - so do your homework!

Carrie-Marie Bratley

Hi There !

MARGARIDA was found in January lying on the side of the road and from what we were told she had been lying there for several days until we found out about her and decided to take her in regardless of the cracking full shelter and debts with the vets. She had two broken legs and a broken hip - and actually the hip fracture was over a year old. Imagine the agony she was going through. She went through complicated surgery and rehabilitation but her amazing will to live helped and she not only pulled through but she also walks, runs and jumps. She is lovely with people and seems extremely grateful for what has been done to her. She is also nice with other dogs and cats. She is young, vaccinated, sterilised, medium/big size. She needs to be rewarded for her perseverance so if you would like to give her a home, please contact us at: sesimbra.bianca@gmail.com or see her story and a movie at: www.bianca.pt/english



ROMENIE (left) is a young sweet bitch, she is 2 years old. She has been abandoned as she was in heat some months ago. She is extremely calm and friendly with everybody. She is no trouble at all. Romenie has been tested negative for heartworm, wormed, defleaded and vaccinated. She gets on very well with other dogs and cats. **NIKITA** (right) is 2 years old. She is a small size dog, very active and friendly. She has been abandoned as so many like her. She deserves another chance as she is no trouble at all. She is fully vaccinated, wormed, defleaded, chipped and spayed. **TEDDY** (left)

is a nice little dog. He is 5/6 years old and was dumped in the streets but he is a house dog and misses his home very much. If you have a little basket for him, he will be happy and will be a good companion for you. He has been tested negative to heartworm, vaccinated and castrated.

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Rotarian Charles Cole 100 not out!



Pictured (L to R): the President of AIRC Soren Højbjerg, Hon. Member Charles Cole and AIRC Incoming President (2011-12) Keith Johnson

Almancil International Rotary Club (AIRC) had the pleasure to receive a special Rotary guest, Charles Cole, from the Hythe Rotary Club, in Kent, England. Charles, having reached the age of ONE HUNDRED years, has

visited Portugal a number of times as a guest of his long-term Rotarian friend and AIRC Incoming President Keith Johnson. AIRC has had the honour of receiving Charles as a guest whenever he has been here in the Al-

garve. It was decided by AIRC to elect him to Honorary Membership at the club meeting on 5th May. It was felt appropriate that AIRC, the first and oldest International Rotary Club in Portugal should honour its oldest Rotarian

visitor in this special way.

Charles was born on 1st Nov. 1909 in Hythe and started work in his father's menswear shop at the age of fifteen. He married Molly in 1935 and has one son, one grandchild and two great grandchildren. During the war he was called up to serve in the Fire Service and thereafter took over his father's shop. He joined the Hythe Rotary Club in 1962 and was Secretary for a total of seventeen years, the last time for two years 2005 and 2006.

His wife sadly passed away in 1993 and his son took over the shop business leaving him more time to devote to his Rotary Club and play Bowls which he only gave up last year. Charles still likes to drive his Jaguar XJ8 (Sportsmode). He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship, a Rotary honour reserved for exemplary services to Rotary in 1993.

Charles thanked AIRC and gave a brief summary of his time in Rotary. He said that he had every intention of completing 50 years service in Rotary in 2012.

Lions Clube of Loulé Sales

The Lions Clube of Loulé have their charity sales of good quality clothes, linen, bric-a-brac, books and shoes every other month at the Centro Comunitário in Almancil from 9.30-12.00pm. The last one in March raised €351.31 - many thanks to everyone who made donations and attended.

The next sale is on **May 23rd**, and the Lions would particularly appreciate small items of bric-a-brac, recent fiction books, men's clothing and shoes. Now is the chance to clear out those cupboards and the garage. Items can be collected from you by phoning 289845581 or 289416659. Dates of remaining sales this year are: July 25, September 26 and November 21.

Funds raised will go towards major extension work at the Centro Comunitário in Almancil to increase the day centre facilities for the disabled and elderly. If you think you may be interested and have time to help The Lions with their local charity work please ring Bruce Allen on 282444874 - we hold regular social events as well!

St. Patrick's Society

The St. Patrick's Society of the Algarve will be holding its annual general meeting on Wednesday 19th May at Porches Pottery. The meeting will hear Chairman Sean Walkin's review of the 2010-2011 programme and consider proposals suggestions for events in the forthcoming year.

A new treasurer will be sought to replace Iggy Gannon who is standing down. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Sean Walkin (917400264) in the next few

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Almancil Rotary Club presentation

Almancil International Rotary Club (AIRC) raised funds from various events to purchase items from the 'Wish List' of the Lar De Crianças Bom Samaritano in Alvor, currently the home to

thirty five disadvantaged children aged six to sixteen. The list included the replacement of thirty five pairs of trainers and thirty five sets of night apparel from C&A in Portimão who do-

nated a 10% discount voucher for future purchases, bringing the total to €1,053.

For more information about AIRC see our website: www.rotaryalmancil.org.ortel. 289432286.



Pictured (L to R): Peter Hinze, Vice-President AIRC, Sra. Margarida Castanhito, Director a Técnica Bom Samaritanos and Keith Johnson, Incoming President AIRC.

days.

Drinks will be served at Porches Pottery (between Porches and Lagoa) from 7pm with a prompt start to the meeting at 7.30pm. Formal proceedings are likely to end at 8.15pm. Those wishing to stay

for the €15 per person, three-course dinner that follows can obtain the menu and book with membership secretary Helen Cafolla (e-mail: helen.algarve@sapo.pt or tel. 289 586 662).

Helen is now also taking book-

ings for the society's annual Putting for Fun competition to be held at the Balaia Golf Village, Albufeira on Friday 21st May. Coffee will be served from 10.30am. Play starts at 11.0am. Lunch will be a la carte.

Spring Fair at Museum

Amigos do Museu de São Bras de Alportel would like to remind everyone not to forget to visit our Spring Fair next Sunday, 9th May, from noon to 17:00. There will be lots to see and do and lovely hand-made items to buy as well as home made, free-range produce and lots more.

Our Tai-chi and Yoga masters will give demonstrations that

everyone, young and old, can join in and refreshments will be at hand. Animal charity and children's charity stalls will not be lacking and you can try your luck in the grand raffle, tombola style.

Come and bring friends, family and visitors to enjoy an afternoon out in the gardens of our unique museum.

WRVS Social Tea

The WRVS Social Tea will be held in the British Retirement Residence at Quinta da Fonte, S. Pedro do Estoril on Tuesday, 18th May at 3pm. We welcome Dr. Paulo Lowndes Marques, who will give an illustrated talk entitled, 'A Journey along the

Marginal'.

The talk will be followed by delicious home-made cakes, sandwiches and tea. Minimum donation for WRVS charity €1. Everyone is most welcome. Bring a friend! For more information, please call Pam on 214 688 694.

Walking in the beautiful Algarve

Wed. May 12th - Let's Walk to Conqueiros

A 2.5 hour walk with one climb in this little known area north of Messines. A great walk with great scenery and views.

14.00pm start meet at the cafe Caixero. Drive up the IP 1 and exit for Messines, after the slip road go left and at the roundabout take the 3rd exit towards Messines. After 400m turn left, follow the road under the motorway and after about 1km the cafe is on the right.

Sun. May 16th - Let's Walk in Monchique

A smashing short walk down the valley to see how the old farmers still practice their terraced

cultivation and to find a very different Portugal

14.00pm start meet at Cafe Bica Boa. Drive up to Monchique and in the centre of the town go right towards the bombeiros. Pass them on the left and at the small roundabout go straight over, now drive about 150m and just after leaving the town Bica Boa is on the right.

All are welcome to come along - there is no need to book (there is a charge of €5 per walk which includes a donation to charity). Please wear comfortable shoes, bring some water and a sense of humour! If you require more details please call: Julie Statham 965753033 / 922244242 or see: www.portugalwalks.com



Bike rides

Saturday, 8th May: Bike Ride - Starting at Osbornes in Alfontes. Meet at 09.45 for a ten o'clock start. A ride of around 35 km on challenging and hilly terrain.

Sunday, 9th May: Bike Ride - Starting in Olhao, parking on the sea front at the western ends of the marina, by the new apartment block developments. Meet at 09.45 am for a 10.00 start. A mostly flat and gentle ride of around 35km on a mixture of dirt tracks and tarmac roads.

Bike Hire - Transport

If you need bike hire or transport, then please do let me know in advance so that this can be arranged. I will aim to be at Bikeland from around 9.00 am to 9.15 am on Saturday and can carry hire bikes and several passengers. Bike hire for Sunday needs to be

booked in advance as Bikeland is closed on Sundays, if anyone needs a bike then please let me know and I can collect it on Saturday and return on Monday. Anyone needing transport on Sunday please let me know.

For more info: Paul Beesley, Activity Algarve, Tel: 913226 954, E-mail: paul.beesley@sapo.pt, www.activityalgarve.com, Facebook: Algarve Bike Rides.



Artistic fundraiser



'Perfectly Small Paintings at Perfectly Small Prices'

The opening weekend of Galeria Corte-Real's new exhibi-

tion - 'Perfectly Small Paintings at Perfectly Small Prices' - raised

€300 for local charity, Casa Paz. Held in the Gallery's outdoor

exhibition space, 'The Cube,' visitors paid a small entry fee to look around. Money raised was given to Helena Serra, Director of Casa Paz in Paderne by one of the gallery's owners, Pedro Corte Real.

The Home cares for people with a range of mental difficulties and relies on charitable donations in order to continue its valuable work. The 'Perfectly Small Paintings' created by 20 international artists can be seen until June 19th, after which Galeria Corte-Real hosts the 'Algarve Affordable Art Fair'.

Also on display at the gallery are a variety of ceramics from Portugal and small independent potteries across Europe, handmade contemporary chandeliers and other unique items.

Refreshments are available and the Gallery is open from Thursday to Sunday 11am until 5pm. It is signposted from Boliqueime, Ferreiras and Paderne. Tel: 918 980 199 or 912 737 762.

Talks on Portuguese History

'Foreigners in The Algarve' by Peter Kingdon Booker on Tuesday, 18 May at 6.30 pm at Convento São José, Lagoa - Entrance €2, and on Friday, 29 May at 11 am at Municipal Library, Tavira - Entrance Free

There is a belief among Britons that since England and Portugal are the 'oldest allies' that the relationship has always been harmonious. There is also an unspoken assumption among many Britons that Anglo-Portuguese history is mainly about the Peninsular War, and equally that the Algarve was unknown and uncharted for foreigners until the tourist boom of the late twentieth century. Understandable if inaccurate, since foreigners and particularly Britons have always played a big part in Portuguese economic history. From the Genoese and Sicilians who first tutored the Algarvians in the art of the *armação* to the British

fruit traders and the Spanish and Italian fish canners, there have always been powerful foreign economic interests in the Algarve. Find out which foreigners came to the Algarve, why they came and when. Find out too why the Algarve became such an economic backwater, a place which even the Portuguese would not visit. For more information e-mail: lynne.booker@iol.pt



Peter Kingdon Booker

What's going on at the International Evangelical Church of the Algarve?

Sunday, May 9th at 10:30am at the Church in Vale Judeu. Jill Kinsey - our missionary in Lesotho visits this month and will give her missionary report during the worship service. Take this opportunity to meet Jill and learn more about her work and her Children's Centres in Lesotho.

Thursday, May 20th at 7.30pm at the Church in Vale Judeu. Spring Concert - Joint Service of the English Churches of the Algarve. Performing - among others - will be the Special Guest Choir 'One Voice' from the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor in Belton, Texas. The preacher that evening will be Luke Thompson.

Saturday, May 22nd - Meet promptly at 9:15am at the

Church car park in Vale Judeu or at 10:00am at Quatro Águas in Tavira - where the ferries leave for the island. **Bootes & Routes-walking in the Algarve.** This last walk before the Fall will lead us along the beach on Tavira Island, starting from Quatro Águas in Tavira and ending at Praia de Baril in Santa Luzia. This is a leisurely, casual walk...kick off your shoes and wade through the surf! We walk about 2 - 3 hours. We will take a ferry boat to Tavira island and after the walk catch an old fashioned beach train back to the mainland. From there we shuttle people back to their cars at Tavira. As always, bring a hat, sun cream, water, a light lunch and a friend. Walk leader: Joy Hardwick on: 917 368 396 for further information

Flower Festival

The flower festival held in St Luke's Church, Gorjoes on April 22, 23, 24th was a great success, enjoyed by all the visitors. There were 20 arrangements around the church, mostly done by members of St Vincent's Chaplaincy congregations under the guidance of Pamela Stafford Brown, and the church looked truly beautiful.

Our thanks go to our sponsors: Clube de Golfe do Levante, Quinta da Ria; The Garbe Hotel, Armação de Pêra; Taylor's Port; The Eastern Algarve Ladies' Lunch Club; The Eastern Algarve

St Andrew's Society; Le Marquis Restaurant, Gorjoes, The Royal British Legion. There was also a delightful display of flower drawings from the Primary Department of Barlavento School, Luz. Afternoon tea, scones and cakes were provided by the ladies of the congregation.

On St George's Day (April 23rd) a Celebration of England was given by the Revd. Bob Bates, his wife Diane and Howard Brayton, in the form of music, song and poetry, some traditional, some less so!



Beautiful arrangements with help of Pamela Stafford Brown.

Swinging Vicar wins prize

Fr. Joe Wingo won his first ever golf prize when playing in the All Saints Charity Golf Day at Vale da Pinta last Friday. Fr. Joe and his partner Kurt led the field and were awarded the prize for 'A Good Try' at the end of the competition!

The competition was a great success, some 74 players having signed up to play. The winning pair gathered 50 points between them winning a couple of nights at the Garbe Hotel, Armação de Pêra. This was the second such

event to be held by All Saints Church, and many of the competitors expressed a desire for a repeat next year. (The provisional date is April 29th, 2011)

The golf course was beautifully presented, and Pestana Golfare to be congratulated on its excellent condition. Make a note in your diary, and lets see if Fr. Joe can move further up the prize list.

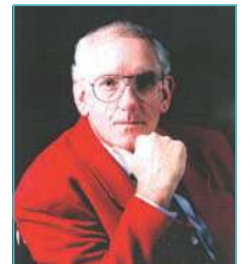
For more information about All Saints, please visit our web site at www.allsaintsalgarve.org.

The Knights Templar: The Real Story

Professor of Human Information Systems, Trevor Haywood will be talking on the The Knights Templar: The Real Story at the Museum at Sao Bras at 11am on Wednesday, 12th May and also The Templars: Trial and Legends, also at the Museum at Sao Bras at 11am on Wednesday, 19th May.

Trevor, whose talks are popular topics on the cruise circuit, divides his time between the UK, the Algarve and travelling the worlds oceans. For more information: e-mail: admin@amigos-museu-sbras.org or phone 966

329 073. Entrance is €2 to non-members.



Prof. Trevor Haywood

Lou Rhodes in Concert

Lou Rhodes has always enjoyed a huge following in Portugal. Maybe the folk and acoustic elements of her music appeal to the Portuguese soul in the same way as Portuguese fado brings *saudades* and nostalgic longing. Lou is appearing at the Museu do Oriente in Lisbon on 20th May (9.30 pm) as part of a European tour to promote her latest album 'One Good Thing'.

She continues with appearances at the Centro de Artes e Espectáculos in Figueira da Foz (21 May), the Teatro Circo de Braga (22 May) and in the Centro de Artes e Espectáculos in Guimarães (23 May). Lou plays acoustic guitar and her solo work has moved away from the trip hop and jazz elements that defined the musical style of the duo Lamb (with Andy Barlow). She and Barlow produced the single Gorecki which was used by Baz Luhrmann for some of Satine's lines in the film Moulin Rouge. Lou's first solo album, Beloved

One, was shortlisted for the Nationwide Mercury Music Prize.

'One Good Thing' is Lou's third album as soloist and it has already received great acclaim. "The mood is melancholy, the settings are sparse and Lou's voice holds seductive, dreamlike qualities that draw you irresistibly into her world." - The Sun

"... a spare interplay between finger-picked guitars and strings as a backdrop to hard-won reflections on life, love and loss." - Independent on Sunday.

"The panoramic approach to tracks such as the excellent 'Janey', replete with densely layered strings, suggests a baroque-pop masterpiece." - Observer.

Lou's 27 concert tour takes her through the UK, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Turkey, Italy, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and lastly to Portugal where she will surely enjoy a grande finale to a highly successful tour.

Lynne Booker

Ve Day and Vj Day 65th Anniversary

This year, the Royal British Legion (RBL) in the UK will be holding a series of events and services to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of VE and VJ Day. On Wednesday, 19th May, the RBL Algarve Branch, prior to our normal monthly lunch (12 noon for 1 pm) will hold a short service on the outside verandah at the Hotel Garbe commencing 11.15am. Father Haynes, the

RBL Algarve Chaplain, and Father Bob Bates will take this service and the Standard will be paraded. The service will remember, not only how our freedom was fought for and won, but also look forward to the hope of peace in the lands where our troops are still fighting. We will remember them. If non-RBL members wish to join us for lunch, will they please contact the hotel direct.

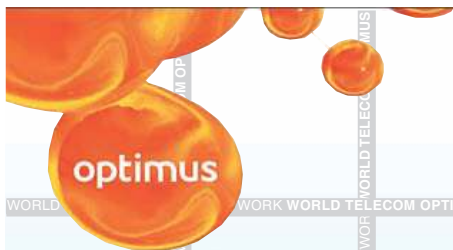
Rwandan priest to preach in Almancil

On Sunday, May 9th the Rev'd. Canon Meg Guillebaud from Byumba Anglican Diocese of Rwanda will be visiting All Saints Anglican Church in Almancil. She will be preaching and sharing her story as a priest and missionary in Africa.

All are welcome to the service which will take place at ASCA Almancil Community Centre at 10.30am. See website <http://www.allsaintsalgarve.org> for directions.



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Top 3 Operating Systems explained

Which operating system should you choose for your PC? Take a look at three of the best operating systems currently available from Windows, Mac and Linux to decide which is best for you.

Windows 7

After the non-stop complaints from users of Windows Vista, Microsoft took the hint and released the long awaited Windows 7. Windows 7 improves upon everything users loved from Windows XP and eliminates everything that went wrong with Vista. Windows 7 offers something Windows users have asked for years: a stable, easy to use and secure operating system.

Let's start with the cons, which are few and far between. Older desktops may not be able to run Windows 7 correctly. The minimum requirements for a 32-bit system include 1 GB of RAM, 16 GB of hard drive space and a 1 GHz processor. For 64-bit systems, you must have 2 GB of RAM, 20 GB of hard drive space and a 1 GHz processor. Keep in mind that these are the bare minimum requirements and optimal performance requires more than the minimum. Most PC's made after 2006 should have little problem running Windows 7, especially with a quick memory upgrade.

Now let's look at the pros of Windows 7. First off, installation is easier than ever. Users can upgrade from XP or Vista, purchase a new desktop PC with Windows 7 pre-installed or perform a clean install. The installation process takes less than an hour for the operating system itself, while prior versions took at least thirty minutes to an hour longer.

Windows 7 offers both improvements and new features. One stand out feature is the new taskbar, which has been compared to Apple's Mac OS X system. By simply rolling your mouse over your taskbar icons, you can quickly preview the window and any windows related to it. Another feature many users will enjoy is the ability to drag windows to different portions of your screen to view multiple windows simultaneously. Users can even drag two windows to each top corner of their desktop to automatically resize the windows to half the desktop size.

Windows Media Player has

also been improved in Windows 7. You can now stream media content between computers, over a network or over the Internet easily, with a quick and simple to understand setup process. Viewing and managing devices has also been simplified with all devices listed in one window. There is also support for older devices, so you can view and manage them in the Device Stage window.

One feature that die hard Windows XP users will enjoy is XP Mode. Any applications you have that are not compatible with Windows 7 can be used in XP Mode. With this virtual environment, users can use their favorite older programs and still enjoy all Windows 7 has to offer.

Windows Vista users often complained about the User Account Control feature. Windows 7 makes the UAC feature customizable and less frustrating for users. The Windows Firewall is still included with Windows 7.

Windows 7 definitely blows Windows Vista away and is considered by many users to be just as good, if not better than Mac OS X.

Ubuntu 10.04

Everyone has seen commercials comparing Macs and PCs, but how many users have actually heard of or even tried a free alternative? Yes, you read correctly, there is a free operating system available that is comparable to both Windows 7 and Mac OS X Leopard.

Ubuntu 10.04 is the latest release of the popular Ubuntu Linux operating system.

Few cons exist except many popular Windows and Mac applications are not compatible with Ubuntu. However, Ubuntu counters this with thousands of free, comparable applications. Another issue is actually obtaining the software. You won't find it in stores. You must either download the installation file or order a CD. If you have a slow Internet connection, you'll have to wait for the postal service to deliver your copy of Ubuntu. If you do download the installa-



tion file, you must first place the disk image, or ISO, file on a CD or DVD in order to install it.

Ubuntu 10.04 is the best version of Ubuntu thus far. Multitasking is much easier and faster, even with sluggish applications. The desktop appears similar to those of Windows 7 and Mac OS X Leopard. This helps non-Linux users acclimate to the new and foreign system. Installing Ubuntu 10.04 is made easy and straight-forward with the aid of a walk through wizard. The notification system has been tweaked, resulting in notifica-

tions for almost every event. Some users love this, while others complain about the abundance of notifications.

More themes are included in Ubuntu 10.04 than in previous versions to help customize your desktop and windows. To help further customize your desktop system and prevent financial ruin, literally thousands of open-source applications are available to download for free. Community support is available to help users understand both Ubuntu and the free apps.

Networking has been im-

proved in Ubuntu 10.04, which was one reason many users still paid for above mentioned operating systems. Wireless is recognized easily, without hassle. Add this to an extremely stable operating system without the dreaded blue screen many Windows users encounter, Ubuntu 10.04 is definitely a desktop operating system contender, especially with a price tag of zero euros.

Next week we continue by looking at Mac OS X Leopard and Windows XP



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GUARDA

Museu Municipal de Arte Moderna Abel Manta - The collection includes works by Carlos Botelho, Júlio Resende, Menez, Paula Rego, Vespeiro, António Dacosta and many others - Open: Tuesday to Sunday from 10h00 to 12h30 and from 14h00 to 17h00 - Free entrance - Rua Direita, 45, Gouveia - 238 493 648

PORTO

Casa da Música

guided visits from Mon-Sun: 10h30; 11h30; 12h30; 15h00; 16h00; 17h00; 18h00 - Tickets can be bought until 10 minutes before visit - Price: €2; Free for children under 12 - 220 120 214 - Avenida da Boavista, 604-610 - www.casadamusica.com

PORTO

Serralves Foundation

Visits to the exhibitions - Sat: 17h-20h; Sun: 12h-13h - to the architectonic spaces (museum & casa de serralves) Sun: 15h-16h - Visits to the park; Sun: 11h-12h - Visits are free on the purchase of an entrance ticket to the museum - Location: Rua D. João de Castro, 210 - T. 226 156 584 - www.serralves.pt

May 13

GUIMARÃES

Theatre 'That Night Follows Day' by Tim Etchells - A play with sixteen actors with ages between 8 and 14 - 22h00 - Grand Auditorium of

Centro Cultural Vila Flor - Avenida D.

Afonso Henriques, 701 - 253 424 700

Until May 26

CALDAS DA RAINHA

Spring Gifts! Ceramic Workshops - Museu de Cerâmica (1st session) Centro de Artes (2nd session) - Tue & Wed: 10h00 - 12h00 / 14h30 - 16h30 - Contacts: 262 840 540 (Rita Elias Sáez) - Centro de Artes on Rua Dr. Ilídio Amado - T. 262 840 540 F. 262 840 549 - centro.artes@cm-caldas-rainha.pt

May 28

GUIMARÃES

Concert by Leo Cavalcanti - Café Concerto of Centro Cultural Vila Flor - 253 424 700

PORTO

Exhibition '2013' by Diogo Evangelista - Galeria 111 - Rua D. Manuel II, 246 - Open Monday to Friday from 10h00 to 12h30 and from 15h00 to 19h30 (Closed Monday and Saturday mornings; Closed Sundays and public holidays) - 226 093 279 - info@111.pt - www.111.pt

PORTO

Drawings, Sketches and Illustrations by Luis Buchinho at Galeria Dama Afrita - Dama Afrita Art Gallery - Rua da Picaria, nº 84 in Porto - Open from Monday to Friday from 15h00 to 19h00 - 927 203 858 - www.damaafrita.com - www.luisbuchinho.pt

GUIMARÃES

Shimmy presents his new album 'Be Someone Else' - Café Concerto of Centro Cultural Vila Flor - 253 424 700

Until June 13

PORTO

Exhibition by Lourdes Castro and Manuel Zimbro: À Luz da Sombra (Shadow Light) - Serralves Museum - Rua D. João de Castro, 210 - 226 156 584

Until June 27

GUIMARÃES

Exhibition by Fernando Brito - Palácio Vila Flor - Price: €1 (€0.50 w/ discount) - Av. D. Afonso Henriques, 701 - 253 424 700 - www.ccvf.pt

CENTRE

Daily

CASCAIS

Cascais Cultural Centre - Concerts, shows, exhibitions, & other events - shops, coffee shop & terrace - Open: 10h00-18h00 (Closed Mon) - Av. Rei Humberto II de Itália - 214 848 900

ESTORIL

Casino Estoril - Praça José Teodoro dos Santos - 214 667 700 - Info.estoril@estoril-sol.com

LISBON

Mercado da Ribeira On the riverfront, this popular market is the Coolest Place in Town - Crafts, events, gastronomy • Av. 24 de Julho National Coach Museum Set in a 17th century riding school, with a varied collection of royal coaches, uniforms and portraits of the royal family - Open from 10h00 to 17h30 (Closed Mondays and public holidays) - Praça Afonso de Albuquerque - 213610850

LISBON

Oceanarium Spectacular design by Peter Chermayeff, it is one of Europe's biggest oceanarium - Park of Nations - 10h00 to 18h00 - 218 917 002 Influxcontemporary A museum dedicated to African Contemporary Art - Open from Wednesday to Saturday from 14h00 to 19h00 - Rua Fernando Vaz, 20B - T. 918 501 234 - www.influxcontemporary.com

May 10 to June 21

LISBON

Exhibition by Pierre Coulibeuf 'Inside the labyrinth' - Museu Coleção Berardo, Arte Moderna e Contemporânea - Praça do Império - 213 612 878

May 11,12,14,15,16

LISBON

Dance Show 'Local Geographic' - Centro Cultural de Belém, Sala de Ensaios - Praça do Império - 213 612 400 - www.ccb.pt

May 13 to 16

LISBON

Béjart Ballet Lausanne / Ballet for Life Original choreography by Maurice

Béjart - Coliseu dos Recreios - May 13 to 15 at 21h30; May 16 at 16h00 - Rua das Portas de Stº Antão, 96 - 213 240 580

May 14 & 15

LISBON

Wanda Stuart in concert - Oceanos Auditorium - Casino Lisboa - Alameda dos Oceanos - Park of Nations - 218 929 000

May 14 to 16

LISBON

Walking with Dinosaurs The Live Experience - Sala Atlântico at Atlantic Pavilion - Tickets: See bottom of page

Until May 16

LISBON

Book Fair - Parque Eduardo VII

May 17 to Sep 19

LISBON

Exhibition by the Brazilian brothers Gustavo and Otávio Pandolfo known as Os Gêmeos (The Twins) 'For who lives there, the sky is there' - Museu Coleção Berardo, Arte Moderna e Contemporânea - Praça do Império - 213 612 878

May 18 to 30

LISBON

Bounce 'Streetdance Company' - Classic hip-hop version - Oceanos Auditorium of Casino Lisboa

May 21 to May 30

LISBON

Rock in Rio - Performing are artists like Shakira, Elton John, Muse, Miley Cyrus, Amy MacDonald, D'ZRT - Tickets: See bottom of page

May 30

LISBON

Black Eyed Peas Concert Cheryl Cole opens the concert - Estádio Nacional - Tickets: See bottom of page

Until June 12

LISBON

Paintings by Isabelle Faria - Galeria 111 - Rua Dr. João Soares, 5B - 217 819 907 - www.111.pt

SOUTH

Daily

LAGOS

Charity Shop in Amádena Charity Shop in what was old supermarket on the square past 'Brody' and 'O Poço' restaurants - LAPS - Lagos Animal Protection Society - 282 687 334

Wed & Thu

SILVES

Exhibition of artwork by Hilary Cunningham - Vivenda Rosal Padmeira - 282 332 190 - 917 169 053 Charity Shop in

Until May 8

LOULÉ

Exhibition 'Intervalo/Nothingness' by Daniel Barroca at Convento Espírito Santo art gallery - R. Vice Almirante Cândido dos Reis - 289 400 642

May 8

SILVES

New Orleans Jazz Band - (A benefit Night for Graham Cooper, presently in hospital recovering a major surgery) - Silves Cine-Theatre Club (Silves Cinema) - Starts at 20h30, bar opens at 20h00 - Reservations with Mary 282 443 855

LAGOS

Concert commemorating the 79th anniversary of the band Sociedade Filarmónica Lacobrigense 1º de Maio - Cultural Centre - 21h30 - Organized by Philharmonic Society - 282 770 450

ALBUFEIRA

Concert 'Bell' Amore' - Municipal Auditorium - 21h30 - 289 599 500

FARO

European Perioperative Nursing Day in the Manuel Bivar Gardens, Faro, Portuguese Operating Room Nurses will be holding a one day exhibition of a field Operating Theatre (OR), which will be set up in a Red Cross tent. The intention of the day is to inform the public of the role of the Operating Room Nurse, to demystify the environment of the OR, to allow the public to view equipment used and to ask questions in a relaxed environment. The event which is free of charge is open from 10.00hrs to 17.00hrs and everybody is welcome.

May 8 & 9

SILVES

João Frade live on the 8th at 20h30 and **Marenostro** on the 9th at 15h00 - Café Inglês on the Castle steps - 282 442 585

May 8 to 15

LAGOA

12th Lagoa Choral Week - Municipality of Lagoa

Until May 12

SÃO BRÁS DE ALPORTEL

Exhibition 'Lightbox' by Gabriel Colaço at Zem Arte - Armazéns de Arte - Open: Daily except Thursday from 13h00 to 22h00 and Friday and Saturday from 13h00 to 1h00

Until May 13

ALMANCEL

Exhibition by Karsten Fuge 'Objects, watercolours and oil

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paintings - Inauguration of the exhibition is at 19h00 - Centro Cultural São Lourenço - 2859 395 475

Until May 15

TAVIRA

Sculptures and Drawings by Rui Sanches - Tavira Municipal Museum/Palácio da Galeria - 281 320 540

May 15

FERRAGUDO

Bingo Night - Bar Chaminés, The Square - 19h30 - Hot & Cold Buffet, 1/ Bot wine, €9.50 P.P

May 15 to June 24

ALMANCEL

Painting Exhibition by the renowned Spanish artist Juan Martinez at Centro Cultural São Lourenço - 289 395 475 - ccs@iol.pt

May 16

PORTIMÃO

Dianne Reeves returns to present her latest work 'When You Know' - Grand Auditorium of Teatro Municipal - 21h30 - Tickets: €20 - 282 402 475

May 21

LAGOA

Branca de Neve Teatro em Patins (Snow White Theatre on Skates) - 21h00 - 23h30 - Centro de Congressos do Arade - Encosta do Arade, Parchal - 282 498 577

Until May 22

LAGOS

Exhibition 'Chamas de Inspiração' (Flames of Inspiration) by Kasia Wrona at Centro Cultural de Lagos - Rua Lançarote de Freitas, nº 7 - 282 740 450

Until May 23

ÉVORA

Paula Rego 'The Manuel de Brito Collection' - Fórum Eugénio d'Almeida - 266 748 300

Until May 31

SÃO BRÁS DE ALPORTEL

Exhibition 'Between Mountains and Fountains' by Manuel de Sousa Teodoro - Municipal Art Gallery of S. Brás de Alportel - Avenida da Liberdade (next to São Brás Cine Theatre - 10h-13h / 16h-19h - 289 841 959 / 289 840 000

Until June 13

ÉVORA

Exhibition 'Oriental Weapons. Rituals of Power' - Jorge Caravana's Collection - Évora Museum - 266 702 604

PADERNE

Exhibition 'From Russia with dove' by Svetlana Kurmaz - Galeria Corte-Real, Bistrô des Z'Artes (Open for dinner every night except Tuesday), 19h00 until 22.30; 919 407 366) - Galeria Corte-Real is signposted from Boliqueime, Ferreiras and Paderne - open from: Thu-Sun, 11h00-17h00 - 918 980 199 or 912 737 762

Until June 25

SINES

Exhibition of the Sines Museum archaeological collections - Sines Museum - Organization: Museu de Sines - 269 632 237 - www.sines.pt

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PREVIEW

May 22
William Shakespeare's play *Troilo & Cressida* by Joaquim Benite and Christian Ratz at the Municipal Auditorium in Lagoa - 12 years old and over - Tickets: €5 - 21h30 - 282 380 473

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Until May 29
Exhibition by Diogo Evangelista - Born in 1984, Diogo Evangelista graduated in 2008 in Painting at Faculdade de Belas Artes da Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon. He lives and works in Lisbon - Left is one of his works, untitled, of oil, varnish and paper on canvas 46,5x33cm on exhibition at Galeria 111 in Lisbon, situated on Campo Grande, nº 113 - 217 819 907 - www.111.pt

Until May 27
Jessica Dunn's collection of oil painting entitled 'Momentos ao Sol' (Moments in the Sun) are on display at Chá d'Arte in Loulé - The British artist Jessica Dunn studied painting at Kingston Polytechnic and moved to Portugal in 1987. She has settled in the Algarve with her family. Jessica has exhibited extensively across Portugal. Her works are represented in various private collections in Portugal and abroad - Chá d'Arte is situated on D. Pedro I Square, nº 5-6, Ground Floor - 933 547 291

TICKETS: Most tickets are available at FNAC and Worten outlets across the country, ATM machines, Abreu agencies, El Corte Inglés, Casa Viola, Ticketline or at the event itself on the night.
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6 MAY-12 MAY

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The Last Song
Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth
(11.50 Sat & Sun) 14.05-18.45-21.00
(23.15 Fri & Sat)
Dear John
Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried
16.20
2
I Love You Phillip Morris
Jim Carrey, Ewan McGregor
14.00-16.25-18.50-21.10 (23.40 Fri & Sat)
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
Animation PV
(10.10 Sat & Sun)
3
Clash of the Titans
Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson
(10.00-12.25 Sat & Sun) 14.55-17.20-19.40-22.00 (00.20 Fri & Sat)
4
Iron Man 2
Robert Downey Jr, Don Cheadle
(11.10 Sat & Sun) 13.50-16.30-19.10-21.50 (00.30 Fri & Sat)
5
The Bounty Hunter
Gerard Butler, Jennifer Aniston
(10.50 Sat & Sun) 14.15-16.40-19.05-21.30 (00.00 Fri & Sat)
6
Kick-Ass
Aaron Johnson, Nicolas Cage
13.40-19.00-21.40 (00.15 Fri & Sat)
The Blind Side
Sandra Bullock, Quinton Aaron
16.15
7
Date Night
Steve Carell, Tina Fey
15.05-17.10-19.15-21.20 (23.25 Fri & Sat)
The Princess and the Frog
Animation PV
(10.35-12.50 Sat & Sun)
8
How to Train Your Dragon
Animation PV
(10.30-12.45 Sat & Sun)
A Single Man
Colin Firth, Julianne Moore
15.00-17.15-19.30
Green Zone
Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear
21.45 (00.25 Fri & Sat)
9
Urmel aus dem Eis
Animation PV
(11.00 Sat & Sun) 13.40-15.45
Lebanon
Reymond Amsalem, Oshri Cohen
17.50-20.00-22.10 (00.35 Fri & Sat)

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6 MAY-12 MAY

1
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus
Heath Ledger, Johnny Depp
13.05-15.40-18.15-21.15 (23.50 Fri & Sat)

2
Clash of the Titans 3D
Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson
13.30-16.10-18.45-21.35 (00.00 Fri & Sat)
3
Urmel aus dem Eis
Animation PV
13.00-15.00-16.55-19.00
Kick-Ass
Aaron Johnson, Nicolas Cage
21.00 (23.30 Fri & Sat)
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How to Train Your Dragon 3D
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Iron Man 2
Robert Downey Jr, Don Cheadle
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8
The Bounty Hunter
Gerard Butler, Jennifer Aniston
13.40-16.05-18.35-21.30 (00.05 Fri & Sat)
9
Date Night
Steve Carell, Tina Fey
13.45-16.15-18.50-21.45 (00.15 Fri & Sat)

**CASTELLO LOPES CINEMAS
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6 MAY-12 MAY

1
The Bounty Hunter
Gerard Butler, Jennifer Aniston
13.40-16.20-19.00-21.40 (00.05 Fri & Sat)
2
Clash of the Titans
Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson
13.50-16.30-19.10-21.50 (00.10 Fri & Sat)
3
Date Night
Steve Carell, Tina Fey
13.10-15.10-17.20-19.20-21.10 (23.40 Fri & Sat)
4
How to Train Your Dragon
Animation PV
13.00-15.00-17.10 Sat & Sun
The Last Song
Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth
13.00-15.50-19.15-22.00 (00.20 Fri & Sat)
5
Green Zone
Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear
13.30-16.10-18.50-21.20 (23.50 Fri & Sat)
6
Iron Man 2
Robert Downey Jr, Don Cheadle
13.20-16.00-18.40-21.30 (00.00 Fri & Sat)



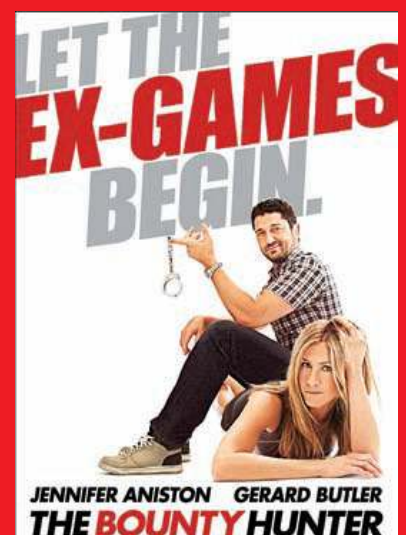
Title: 9
(Nine)
Genre:
Animation |
Adventure |
Drama |
Fantasy | Sci-Fi
Voices:
Elijah Wood,
Jennifer
Connelly,
Martin
Landau,
Crispin
Glover,
Christopher
Plummer



Synopsis: From visionary filmmakers Tim Burton and Timur Bekmambetov and director Shane Acker comes this visually stunning and original epic adventure. When 9 first comes to life, he finds himself in a post-apocalyptic world. All humans are gone, and it is only by chance that he discovers a small community of others like him taking refuge from fearsome machines that roam the earth intent on their extinction. But this group of nine finds that if they band together, their small community might just be able to change the course of history.



Title: The Bounty Hunter
Genre: Action | Comedy | Crime | Romance
Stars: Gerard Butler, Jennifer Aniston,
Christine Baranski



Synopsis: Milo Boyd, a down-on-his-luck bounty hunter, gets his dream job when he is assigned to track down his bail-jumping ex-wife, reporter Nicole Hurley. He thinks all that's ahead is an easy payday, but then Nicole gives him the slip so she can chase a lead on a murder cover-up. The exes continually one-up each other – until they find themselves on the run for their lives.

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Film Classification

9 (Nine) - M/12
The Bounty Hunter - M/12
Iron Man 2 - M/12
I Love You Phillip Morris - M/12
Kick-Ass - M/12
Urmel aus dem Eis - M/6
Clash of the Titans - M/12
The Last Song - M/12
Date Night - M/12
How to Train Your Dragon - M/6
The Blind Side - M/12
Alice in Wonderland - M/6

M/4 - Four years and over
M/6 - Six years and over
M/12 - 12 years and over
M/16 - 16 years and over
M/18 - 18 years and over

THURSDAY 13/05/10

06	RealTalk:	21:30 Coronation Street.
07	21:30 All at Sea.	
08	22:00 ITV News at Ten and	
09	Weather.	
10	22:30 Weather.	
11	22:30 Weather.	
12	22:30 Greatest Clues of the	
13	World with Griff Rhys-	
14	Jones.	
15	23:35 The Young Turks: Can't	
16	Stop Eating.	
17	00:30 Nightwatch with Steve	
18	Scott: Crime/TV News	
19	Headlines.	
20	01:25	
21	02:05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.	
22	03:05 A Road to Be Gay.	
23	03:30 ITV Nightstream.	
24	Tonight.	
25	05:55 The Hobbs.	
26	06:00 The Hobbs.	
27	06:45 Freshly Squeezed.	
28	07:10 Everybody Loves	
29	Raymond.	
30	07:35 Everybody Loves	
31	Raymond.	
32	08:05 Frial.	
33	08:30 Wast & Grace.	

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05.	1330 Zoo Days: Five News	2305 Sports, Rebars & Videotape	0010 SuperCasino
06.	1340 News and Weather	2400 The Weather	0405 House Doctor
07.	1345 News and Weather	2405 The Weather	0410 House Doctor
08.	1350 Minute Makeover	2410 The Weather	0415 Rough Guide to
09.	1355 Daily Cooks Challenge	2415 The Weather	0420 Rough Guide to
10.	1400 Minute Makeover	2420 The Weather	0425 Rough Guide to
11.	1405 Daily Cooks Challenge	2425 The Weather	0430 Rough Guide to
12.	1410 Minute Makeover	2430 The Weather	0435 Rough Guide to
13.	1415 Daily Cooks Challenge	2435 The Weather	0440 Rough Guide to
14.	1420 Minute Makeover	2440 The Weather	0445 Rough Guide to
15.	1425 Daily Cooks Challenge	2445 The Weather	0450 Rough Guide to
16.	1430 Minute Makeover	2450 The Weather	0455 Rough Guide to
17.	1435 Daily Cooks Challenge	2455 The Weather	0500 Neighbors
18.	1440 Minute Makeover	2500 The Weather	0505 Home and Away
19.	1445 Daily Cooks Challenge	2505 The Weather	0510 Neighbors
20.	1450 Minute Makeover	2510 The Weather	0515 Neighbors
21.	1455 Daily Cooks Challenge	2515 The Weather	0520 Neighbors
22.	1500 Minute Makeover	2520 The Weather	0525 Neighbors
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72.	1910 Minute Makeover	2930 The Weather	0935 Neighbors
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74.	1920 Minute Makeover	2940 The Weather	0945 Neighbors
75.	1925 Daily Cooks Challenge	2945 The Weather	0950 Neighbors
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77.	1935 Daily Cooks Challenge	2955 The Weather	1000 Neighbors
78.	1940 Minute Makeover	3000 The Weather	1005 Neighbors
79.	1945 Daily Cooks Challenge	3005 The Weather	1010 Neighbors
80.	1950 Minute Makeover	3010 The Weather	1015 Neighbors
81.	1955 Daily Cooks Challenge	3015 The Weather	1020 Neighbors
82.	2000 Minute Makeover		

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SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Answers next week.

Easy									Medium									Hard								
	6						2				2		6	8		9			9	8		1				3
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CODEWORD

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. Decipher the code to fill in the crossword. Three letters are already in place and the check-box and letters either side will help you keep track of progress.

C	A	N	C	E	L		Q	U	A	I	N	T	S
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Last weeks solutions:

4	6	5	9	8	2	7	3	1	8	1	3	5	4	7	6	9	2	5	8	1	7	2	4	9	3	6
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PRIZE CROSSWORD 1060

- ### ACROSS

1. Affording delight (11)
 9. Network (7)
 10. Artificial silk (5)
 11. Sheep's cry (5)
 12. Jersey (7)
 13. Die (6)
 15. Affirm (6)
 18. Deny (7)
 20. Astern (5)
 22. Condition (5)
 23. Stumbled (7)
 24. Disposition (11)
- DOWN**
2. Supple (5)
 3. Flier (7)
 4. Not comfortable (6)
 5. Concur (5)
 6. Baby's outfit (7)
 7. Dumbfound (11)
 8. Ungratefulness (11)
 14. Archbishop (7)
 16. Sports ground (7)
 17. Pearl producer (6)
 19. Soak (5)
 21. Tree (5)

Two free entry tickets to the International Algarve Fair will be sent to the sender of the first correct solution to crossword nº 1060 opened next Thursday. Solutions to: The Portugal News Crossword Nº 1060, Apt. 13, 8401-901 Lagoa. Be sure to enclose your name, address and phone number.

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THROW, USELESS, ICEBERG, EXTRA, OFTEN

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Last weeks solutions

Across: 1 Crises; 4 Ledger; 9 Expostulation;
10 Strayed; 11 Patio; 12 Sully; 14 Sever; 18
Nabob; 19 Riposte; 21 Embarrassment; 22
Treble; 23 Lesson.
Down: 1 Crease; 2 Imperturbable; 3 Essay; 5
Example; 6 Guiltlessness; 7 Ransom; 8 Guide;
13 Liberal; 15 Invent; 16 Break; 17 Beaten; 20
Paste.

Last weeks winner: Helen Thorpe, Parchal



Last week's solution:

PROPERTY

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Visit Algarve Manta Properties in Manta Rota



Manta Rota is still, for the majority of people, unknown. It is famous among the huge population of Portuguese holiday makers from the middle and north of Portugal who come to visit and enjoy the wide, family friendly beaches. The beaches have been awarded the 'Blue Flag' for cleanliness. The car parking is generous, you can walk straight onto the beach using the wooden walkways and you can always find space to enjoy the golden sands, even during the summer months.

Many visitors make use of the marked cycling routes and the many walking routes into the countryside throughout winter. Relaxing and peaceful, Manta Rota is a perfect place for all ages to get away from it all. There are good restaurants, cafés and it is 10 minutes by car from both Tavira and the border town to Spain. Only 40 mins transfer time from Faro Airport. There are many golf courses nearby: many less than 20 minutes away from the property.

Ref: 626 245.000 Euros

Presenting a brand new semi detached townhouse only 300m from the beach of Manta Rota.

This property has been built with quality materials and care. Enter through a gated entrance and there is private parking in front of the house. The kitchen is fully fitted and equipped, including oven, hob, extractor, dish-washer, fridge freezer and washing machine. The lounge/dining room has pre installation option for fireplace

and double patio doors to the generous patio, which has a BBQ, sink and shower. Also on the ground floor there is a large garage room with patio doors and a window to the side which can be converted to a second living room or an extra bedroom, with a downstairs wall to wall shower cubicle.

On the first floor you have three double bedrooms, all with wood laminate flooring; soft for

the feet and comfortable at any time of the year. The master bedroom has built in wardrobes, an en-suite shower room and a large west facing sun terrace soaking up sun all day long. The further two bedrooms have a small veranda and both have fitted wardrobes with sliding doors.

On the last floor of the house is the loft space: it has a generous loft bedroom with wood laminate flooring, and two velux windows for natural light.

In reality the loft and garage can be turned into two extra bedrooms, making it a five bedroom house. The house has pre installation for air conditioning throughout and a central vacuuming system.

This sort of property close to the beach rents very well so it would be a great investment for the future.

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Santa Catarina

- Attractive new villa
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- Garden & BBQ
- Villa 139m² plot 20.000m²

Ref. V1324
Price: € 360.000

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Tavira

New 5 bedroom villa w/ large pool & small lake enjoying sea views & privacy on landscaped plot of 15.560 m2. Living area of 307 m2 & basement of 192 m2. High quality construction and specifications. Easy access.

Ref: LHV-937 Price: € 1.200.000



Estoi

Unique, modern, split-level villa with pool & guesthouse offering privacy & breathtaking views towards the coast. Covered area: 360 m2, plot: 2140 m2. Enjoying Good quality construction.

Ref: LHV-1063 Price: € 1.200.000



Santa Catarina

Lovely 4-bedroom quinta (265 m2) with many typical Portuguese features. Swimming pool & beautiful gardens. Plot of 9840 m2. Spacious double-height living area. Easy road access. Good value for money.

Ref: LHV-866 Price: € 590.000
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The buzz word is bees



At last the sunshine is bringing everything on - climbers need tying in, shrubs are sprouting new growth and seedlings are appearing.

But one of the most heartening aspects of spring is to hear the welcoming sound of bees doing their important work in the garden.



Pictured: Bees on Aster flowers and left a bumblebee on a Rudbeckia flower.



Begonias

You can help them by installing bamboo bee boxes and a bumble bee house in your garden to give these beneficial insects somewhere safe to hibernate, and plant bee-friendly borders.

Bee populations generally are declining, largely due to the loss of wildflower habitats in which they thrive. Many argue that the extensive use of pesticides on farmland, which kills off the wildflowers, is a big contributor.

Bumblebees are major pollinators of most of our wildflowers and crops. If they continue to disappear the plants will set less seed, resulting in sweeping changes to the countryside, according to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

So we need to do our bit in our own gardens and it is relatively easy to create a bee-friendly border. Bees need flowers from spring to autumn, but they have to be the right types of flowers.

Exotic, highly cultivated hybrid varieties are often lacking in

pollen, while many popular summer bedding choices, including pelargoniums, busy lizzies and begonias, are also of little benefit to the bumblebee.

Try growing cottage garden plants or wildflowers rich in nectar, such as hollyhocks, lupins, lavender and catmint, verbascum, snapdragon and sedum, to attract these creatures.

Other great magnets for bees include thyme, heather, purple sage, sunflowers, honeysuckle, Verbena bonariensis, cranesbill geraniums and borage. Daisy-like blooms with big open flowers are often rich in nectar, so you can't go wrong with michaelmas daisies, rudbeckias and asters.

Wildflower choices might include poppies, mallow, ranunculus ficaria, salvia pratensis, knautia arvensis and lamium purpureum, while bulbs such as alliums, crocus, grape hyacinth and chionodoxa luciliae will all attract bees.

Plant sweetpeas alongside climbing beans to encourage a better crop. The bees will be attracted to the sweetpea flowers and are then more likely to pollinate the beans as well.

Bumblebee species differ in the length of their tongues, and as a result prefer different flowers, so it's important to grow a range of different things.

Avoid elaborate double flowered varieties as some are bred without male and female parts, while others have so many pet-

als bees can't reach the nectar and pollen to collect it. This is the main reason why single dahlias are popular with many bees, while doubles are frequently ignored.

Plants growing in sunny, sheltered spots are more likely to be visited by bees than those growing in shaded or windswept places. Low-growing plants such as herbaceous perennials are more attractive to bees if grown in large clumps or patches, rather than being scattered among other plants.

Design your garden so it offers a continuous succession of flowers providing nectar and pollen throughout the year, including some nectar-rich plants which

flower early or late, such as winter aconites, which are a vital early source of nectar for bees emerging from hibernation.

If you want a change from a high-maintenance lawn, turn a section of it into a wildflower meadow, planting spring-flowering bulbs such as the snake's head fritillary and wildflowers such as the cowslip, ragged robin and wood anemone. You can still create an informal path through the area with your mower.

If you grow the right plants, even in the smallest space, your garden should soon be buzzing with activity.

Hannah Stephenson

From plot to plate

French beans

These are among my favourite vegetables. More delicate and often less strident runner beans, they are ideal as a hot accompaniment or lightly steamed and then cooled to add to salad nicotise or in a mixed-bean salad with vinaigrette.

They are ideal to grow in a small garden as many of them are dwarf, or in the ornamental garden, where the climbing varieties will twine around supports and produce pretty flowers before the pods. While most varieties are green, you can also grow yellow, purple and cream beans.

They need a warm, sunny spot and fertile, moisture-retentive soil, additional matter has been added to the soil. Sow seeds late spring or early summer, seeds per pot at 5cm and out once they are 8cm tall and all danger of frost has passed. Grow dwarf beans in small blocks, where nearby plants will provide the necessary support. For climbers, use a wigwam or double rows of canes.

French beans hate the cold, so if you have a cold snap (in the north) after planting them out, cover them with fleece until it's warmer. Mulch around the base to help minimise water loss, and take action to prevent slugs attacking the seedlings.

Harvest pods when they snap crisply in half, and do it regularly to prolong cropping. Plant a few sweet peas among your beans to encourage pollinating insects and help increase the size of your crop.



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Suzuki SX4

Perfect crossover

The SX4 is a cross between a small hatchback and a mini SUV. The raised driving position, lofty stance and spacious cabin all make the car quite unique.

If you want to get ahead in the car business, small is the biggest game in town. Superminis, compact hatchbacks, call them what you want, the small car sector is the one to be in.

The trade off is that there's little in the way of genuine variety. Sure, style-wise there's much to differentiate one supermini from the next, but at the end of the day you're still driving a supermini. And if you want a small car with a bit of attitude or go anywhere ability it's a case of getting something, well, bigger.

Which is why cars like Suzuki's SX4 have managed to carve out a successful niche for themselves. Presenting a noticeably more rugged face to the world while managing to retain

ness, but cars such as the SX4 must deliver what the marketing-speak promises. Suzuki has form in the small car market so this isn't an issue. From city cars to compact 4x4s, the Japanese firm has made a good living from this end of the business.

The SX4 is, if you like, a cross between a small hatchback and a mini SUV. All the tell-tale clues are present: the high roofline, raised driving position, chunky styling and all-wheel drive. This latter feature might only present on one variant, but for anyone with a need for such it sure beats having to manhandle something larger on country lanes.

First let's consider the front-wheel drive SX4; it's more than just a 'soft-roader' by the city. The raised driving position,



With the ease of use boxed, next consider the car's performance. There's a straightforward choice between a thoroughly revised 120-horsepower 1.6-petrol unit and a 90-horsepower 1.6-litre diesel. If you plan on racking up the miles, the diesel probably the better option.

For more urban-centric motoring the petrol unit is an excellent all-rounder. Improved performance, economy and refinement have made it a more rounded proposition now, and it's also the engine used in the all-wheel drive SX4.

Now, this might appear like overkill, but there's a lot to be said for all-weather ability. You don't have to be stuck in snow to reap the benefit, as even wet, leaf-strewn roads have the potential to cause a problem. Also, if you happen to live or travel in rural areas, something small and economical like the SX4 can make more sense than a bulky, traditional 4x4 - why use a

sledgehammer to crack a nut, after all.

And the SX4 - in all-wheel drive SZ5 trim - is so easy to live with. A simple rocker switch activates the 4x4 mode, giving you the option of on-demand all-wheel drive when you lose traction, full 4x4 lock and a front-drive mode.

A genuinely versatile, practical and easy to drive car, Suzuki's SX4 might appear to be a left-field choice in the supermini sector but the more you examine it, the more it makes sense. You don't need to live at the top of a mountain to make the most of it, while it feels just at home on the motorway as it does bounding along muddy country paths.

By way of a deal-breaker, for 2010 Suzuki has spruced up the car's interior, improved equipment levels and polished the car's exterior by way of more colour-coded trim. For the asking price, this is a small car that genuinely punches above its weight.

Source: PATPN

Model: Suzuki SX4 1.6 DDiS, from Â21,070.00
Engine: 1.6 litre diesel unit developing 90 bhp
Transmission: Five-speed manual transmission driving the front-wheels.
Performance: Top speed: 175 kph, 0-100kph: 12.2 seconds.
CO2 emissions: 129 g/km
Economy: 4.9 L/100km.



the same footprint as a conventional supermini, the SX4s of this world offer some-thing a little different.

Different yes - but also different in a good way. Choice is always welcome in the car business.

lofty stance and spacious cabin all make perfect sense in the city where visibility is often at a premium and getting down into and up out of a regular car can be a chore - and a genuine pain for some.

Nelson Piquet Jr

joins Aurora Racing Team

Nelson Piquet Jr., former Formula 1 driver, has joined the Aurora Racing Team to compete in the Spanish GT categories.

Just as his father did, Nelson Piquet Junior competed in Formula 1 racing but left after a strange accident in the Singapore Grand Prix in 2008, which became one of the biggest Formula 1 scandals ever.

On Saturday May 1st, the former Formula 1 driver drove the team's Ferrari F430, which is currently leading the Spanish GT2 Championship, at the Algarve MotorPark.

Piquet Junior currently competes in the United States, in the Nascar Trucks category, but

will also be joining Álvaro Parente at the Aurora Racing Team, "I have known Álvaro for a long time, for around seven years and we get on well. I hope we continue to gain more victories with this competitive team" said the Brazilian driver.

For now, Piquet Junior has only guaranteed his presence in the last event of the Spanish GT in Barcelona, but has said he might participate in others if dates don't coincide with his U.S. Nascar Trucks championship.

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you can expect if you head for the La Manga sporting estate in the south-east corner of Spain.

The La Manga Club Boot Camp is the clever idea of a holiday company which looks after dozens of homes on this luxury

estate, and they have designed a formidable programme which pushes many visitors to the limit.

Each day is packed with exercise, exercise and more exercise and by the time I was finished for the day, all I wanted to do was



Guests of La Manga Club Boot Camp, Spain, biking through national park land.

collapse back into bed.

But the high I felt a week later as I headed home seven pounds lighter was worth every drop of sweat.

It wasn't just the weight loss which made me feel fantastic, it was more the sense of achievement I felt at having completed everything the ex-Marine instructors had asked me to do.

Dixie and Reggie gave us no timetable of activities and simply told us what time to be ready and what to wear. It sounds harsh but means you don't get a chance to worry about what's ahead.

We were warned that the first few days would be the hardest,

felt hungry after all the skipping, walking and squatting and gobbled down every dairy and wheat-free meal as soon as they collected it from the villa's kitchen.

Others, like me, struggled to eat so soon after a workout and often felt too queasy to swallow more than a few mouthfuls.

Fortunately, my stomach settled down after a few days and as my appetite increased, so did my energy.

Once I could eat a full meal I found I could also stomach more water and I noticed a real difference in performance, especially on uphill sprints which went

snacking in our luxury villa - the only things in the kitchen were bottles of water or tea bags.

I was surprised to find I didn't miss coffee or red wine very much and instead found myself craving a pint of squash and settling for a fruit tea.

Others in the group distracted themselves during the gruelling uphill walks by talking about junk food and chocolate, but I found concentrating on breathing and putting one foot in front of the other was often hard enough.

Sessions with Celebrity Fit Club's Marisa Peer aimed to dampen the group's cravings for crisps, sweets or cheese, although



A trainer putting boot camp guests through their paces on the beach.

and that was certainly true as my body got used to the tough routine and a change of diet.

After two days I could only sit down using my arms to support my stiff and aching legs but it eased as the week went on and I managed to get into - and out of the plane seat on the way home.

Everything at boot camp is controlled so you only eat what you are given, and drinks are limited to water and either green or fruit tea.

Some people at my boot camp

from pretty pathetic to actually having some pace to them.

Spending the week suffering hunger pangs was my main concern as I flew to Spain, but I found the only time I had a chance to feel hungry was in the evening, after the last session of circuit training, walking or sprinting around the attractive resort.

The food was delicious, but the portions were smaller than I would have served myself and on the first night my stomach was left wondering where the rest of its dinner was.

If I'd been at home, I would have raided the fridge or kitchen cupboards for something to nibble on but there was no chance of

everyone admitted the block of cheddar and pack of jellies still looked pretty tempting.

A few of her golden rules did stay with me though and have prompted tweaks to my diet which I hope to stick to long-term.

As the week went on, our group of 13 became a team who cheered each other up when portions seemed small or activities got tough.

There's no better motivator than knowing that the faster you row 600 metres, the sooner your mate can stop skipping.

And we even beat the instructors in a tug of war on the beach after we were told a victory

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An enthusiastic climber atop a summit in Spain.

full of sunshine

would give us an easier session that evening.

Any anger or frustration with the teaching team was soon gone after one of the many boxing sessions where the fast punching was exhausting and holding the pads up for a partner left my arms shaking.

The routine of walking, squats, sprints and sergeant jumps also became more varied after the first few days with sessions of kayaking, cycling and swimming to challenge us.

It was still tough, but we rarely complained and the praise offered by Dixie and Reggie when they

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Jubilant climbers reach a summit climbed while taking part in the La Manga Club Boot Camp, Spain.

knew I was trying my best to stagger up the hill or squeeze out a few more press-ups made all the effort worthwhile.

That said, it was always a relief to see the friendly face of Paula Denvir, who made us laugh as we burned calories and toned up during aqua aerobics in the villa's pool, and Swiss ball and pilates sessions.

I started one Swiss ball session feeling exhausted and grumpy, but was laughing by the end after bouncing about on the inflatable ball.

Laughing, and sometimes crying, together made boot camp a real bonding experience and I have made some good friends. I also have some very happy memories.

Among the most vivid was trying to pick out the constellations as we gazed at the starry skies before a 7am walk.

Another was sitting eating our snack - two squares of dark chocolate - at the peak of Lion Mountain after a long and challenging walk which ended with a scramble to the rocky summit.

I'll also never forget trying to run up and down a beautiful beach

on legs that felt like lead, or laughing as I tried to get the hang of steering a kayak.

I've found it virtually impossible to keep up the regime back in England once real life gets in the way, but boot camp has probably changed me forever.

I now realise that I can exercise when I'm tired or hungry even if it's just for a short burst but, more importantly, after achieving all that I did that week, I've now realised I'm much tougher than I thought.

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Travel facts

Beverley Rouse was a guest of La Manga Club Boot Camp, which offers a seven-day package from £995/€1,145, including

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Collections will take place at the following times: Saturday from 15h30 to 18h00, and Sunday, 11h00 to 14h00 and 15h30 to 18h00.

Blood donations are used in most hospitals on a daily basis, for a number of medical interventions, but ultimately save lives.

Summer is a particularly demanding season on resources, when the regional population soars, road traffic increases, and blood stocks need boosting.

Anyone with in good health, with a healthy lifestyle, aged between 18 and 65 and a weight of 50 kilos or over can give blood. Men can donate every three months (four times per year) and women every four months (three times per year).

First-time donors must not be over 60 years of age.

As at any given time most people have between five and six litres of blood circulating

throughout their bodies. Any donations are rapidly and naturally replaced by the organism. Furthermore, it is not possible to catch any disease via blood donations as all material is used once then discarded.

There are, nevertheless, several conditions that apply to potential donors and may prevent them from giving blood.

Anyone who has injected drugs, had sex in exchange for money or drugs, or have had multiple sexual partners are, for their own safety, asked not to give blood, as are people who have the HIV virus or chronic hepatitis.

Other people prevented from giving blood include sufferers of the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and/or variants of it; people with insulin-dependent diabetes, very high blood pressure, or who have had Malaria in the past three years.

Women who have given birth in the past six months or who are breast feeding are also

not allowed to give blood, as well as anyone who has had an operation, endoscopy, a new piercing or tattoo or a new sexual partner in the past six months.

Blood donations for the month of February hit an all-time high this year (22,702 units), having registered significantly higher takings than in other months of February from the previous three years. Resources for February 2010 were only surpassed by March and May 2009, when collections reached 23,895 and 23,262 units respectively.

To find out more about who can or cannot give blood, information on other donation points, hospitals with in-house blood drives, or national blood stocks, see website www.ipsanguue.org.

Alternatively, visit the blood drive at the International Algarve Fair, on June 5th and 6th (www.algarvefair.com).

Improve your health

The British are known as a nation of animal-lovers, and almost one in two households owns a pet. Experts share with Rebecca Seales the remarkable health benefits of pet ownership, concluding that the relationship benefits are definitely reciprocal.



A little boy with his pet fish

The sun's appeared and suddenly taking the dog out doesn't seem like such a chore.

But while we all know that pets can be great a motivating force for keeping fit - with the average dog-owner exercising their pet for 48 minutes per day - dogs, and other pets, can also boost an owner's health and well-being in other ways.

Dr Anne McBride, a psychologist who researches the bond between humans and animals, believes there are huge physical and psychological benefits to sharing your life with a pet.

"Once you've found the right pet for you and your lifestyle, you get so much back from them. Mentally there's the benefit of companionship and the pleasure of having an animal to play with or confide in. This in turn can produce positive physical effects like lower blood pressure and improved respiration. Pets also make us laugh, which is great

because laughter reduces levels of cortisol, the stress hormone, and releases serotonin, which makes us feel happy."

Research shows that pets can lower blood pressure

A three-year study conducted by Australia's Baker Medical Research Institute confirmed that pet owners have lower blood pressure and lower

Tracy Genever, children's education officer at pet charity, The Blue Cross.



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cholesterol levels than people without pets.

Considering that more than 70,000 people in England die each year from heart disease, a condition exacerbated by stress-related spikes in blood pressure, having a pet certainly seems like a healthy idea.

It has been shown that pets can also help relieve everyday stresses which can, in some circumstances, lead to more profound health problems such as insomnia and depression.

In 1999, the State University of New York in Buffalo conducted a study of 48 stock brokers with high blood pressure.

All were taking medication for their condition, and half were given a pet to live with as well. When subjected to challenges designed to increase their stress - such as arguing their way out of a shop-lifting charge - the stock brokers with pets experienced a smaller rise in blood pressure than their pet-less counterparts.

Learn to relax, with a fish

Have you ever wondered why fish are so often a feature of dentists' waiting rooms?

In 1985, a study published in the American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis revealed that fish are

at least as successful as hypnosis for the purposes of calming dental patients. Those patients who had watched fish in the waiting room even required less pain medication during surgery.

Children with hyperactivity disorder and Alzheimer's patients both exhibit calmer behaviour when free to gaze at brightly-coloured fish.

Clinical Psychologist, Jane Fossey, of the Alzheimer's Society and Society for Companion Animal Studies, says there is evidence that watching fish can improve the nutritional intake of people with Alzheimer's by around 21%.

"Sometimes people can lose weight because of Alzheimer's as it can mean they move around a lot or forget whether they have eaten. Watching the fish makes people more restless, and therefore more likely to sit down and take time to eat.

"If patients are able to look after the fish themselves, this provides further advantages, because it gives them the chance to care for something, rather always being the care recipients.

Tasks like feeding fish also allow family and staff to engage with dementia sufferers in the here-and-now, rather than challenging them to remember the past, she adds.

Dumb animals can make kids smarter and healthier

It's a well-known fact that most kids love pets. Researchers at Warwick University found that four and five-year-olds with animals at home take 18% fewer sick days off school.

Jo-Ann Fowler, director of the Society for Companion Animal Studies, notes: "There is research to show that children who are exposed to pets within the first year of their life have a lower incidence of hay fever and asthma and are less likely to develop allergies to animals."

There are also emotional benefits, Fowler says.

"The companionship that pets provide can have a calming influence on children during stressful periods in their lives. For example, there is evidence that children cope better with divorce when they have a pet."

Tracy Genever, children's education officer at pet charity The Blue Cross, says that having a pet from a young age can help children to learn to care for another being and give them a sense of responsibility.

"We know from The Blue Cross education talks we give in schools that children often form very strong bonds with their pets," she says.

"They can learn a lot by empathising and being sensitive to their pet's emotions and this can improve their social skills and help them build relationships with people."



You're never lonely with a pet

Psychologist, Dr Anne McBride, who researches the bond between humans and animals, believes that pets can do a lot to reduce loneliness.

"A pet can be a great companion, and age or disability should be no barrier to pet ownership. It may be that you need to consider your choice of pet carefully, but owning a new breed or species can be viewed as an adventure, an opportunity to learn about a new type of animal and develop a relationship with a creature never before considered."

According to statistics from The Pet Care Trust, pensioners who own their own pets make 21% fewer visits to the doctor than those without pets.

But it's not always necessary to own your own animal to make a health gain. The charity Pets as Therapy (PAT) organise therapeutic visits, taking calm, friendly dogs and cats to hospitals, hospices, and care homes. Their latest initiative is being pioneered at Her Majesty's Prison Hindley, a Young Offenders' Institute, where it is hoped that the presence of a dog will relax the teenage inmates.

A recent study by the charity set out to measure the effects of a PAT visit on a person's mood, to better measure the benefits of the 130,000 visits to people, every week, across the country.

PAT surveyed participating residents in nursing homes or day centres, aged between 62 and 95. Each respondent was asked to fill in a questionnaire profiling their moods, and the results showed that individuals who spent just 10 minutes with their visiting dog experienced significant reductions in anxiety, depression, and confusion, among other benefits.



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In the words of Christian Dior: "Thankfully, there are flowers."

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flowers

Lisa Haynes helps cultivate your cosmetics bag with floral-inspired products.

Blooming beauty

Banish notions of smelling like your grandma - flower-based products have come on leaps and bounds to offer both modern and traditional versatility for flower fans.

"The ultimate in nature's purity, floral fragrances have always remained the most popular style of scented products," says Bella Bellissima, fragrance designer for the Jamie at Home Scent & Savour collection.

"Floral scents can be sweet and feminine, elegantly sophisticated, creamy and voluptuous, fresh and sparkling, or dramatically mysterious."

Carnations may be cheap and cheerful enough to decorate your home, but before you go looking for cut price floral beauty, consider the origins of your products.

Bella explains: "Ingredients are so precious that the petals

may have to be picked at night before the early sun evaporates their delicate scent or, as with some rarer varieties of rose, it can take more than 300,000 petals to make a single kilo of pure oil."

Bathroom bouquet

Maximise the flower power of your pampering routine by choosing scents to enhance your mood.

"Floral scented products are so attractive because they have wonderful, happy connotations," says Geraldine Howard, founder of Aromatherapy Associates.

Transport yourself into a garden of paradise while you bathe by choosing a floral to benefit your skin and mind.

"Rose, an old age symbol

Paper Flower Love + Toast Hand Creme, www.spacenk.co.uk.



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MAC Give Me Liberty of London limited edition Beauty Powder in Summer Rose, www.maccosmetics.co.uk.

of love is famed for its uplifting aroma as well as being hugely beneficial to add radiance to the skin," Geraldine explains.

"Neroli is a very pretty white flower with a floral-citrus scent that is both calming to the mind and also a great soother for irritated skins. Jasmine is another little white flower with fantastic feel-good properties."

And if you want a recognisable floral to bring memories flooding back, bask in the beauty equivalent of a lavender field.

"Lavender's a trusted favourite that not only has wonderful relaxing benefits but also brings with it associations of summer, holidays and peacefulness," Geraldine says.



Floral fragrances

It's easy to walk into a florist and instantly pick out a bunch of your favourite blooms, but choosing a floral-based scent to wear on your skin can prove to be a confusing attack on the senses.

"Floral fragrances are beautiful, feminine but complex," says Kate Williams, Imperial Leather's in-house perfumery expert.

"Floral bouquets can be created using a number of different floral notes, or individual florals can be accented within a fragrance."

Don't be flummoxed by flow-

ers. Kate offers her guide for finding a floral essence to suit your personality:

- Want to stand out from the crowd? Kate recommends trying iris or violet-based scents.
- Opt for Jasmine if you love to indulge and consider yourself confident and strong-willed, Kate recommends.
- Sentimental and caring types will fall in love with rose scents, according to Kate, especially

those who embrace their feminine side.

• Always on the go? Kate says orange flower is well-matched to busy bee characters as it's associated with being up-beat, fresh and idea enhancing.

• Carnation and lily fragrances are suited to sociable fun-loving types who like to swap and change between different scents according to their mood, Kate advises.

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Sweets on a shoestring

Cooking to impress can be a daunting experience, and with certain celebrity chefs urging us to try all sorts of far-fetched and elaborate creations, it can seem downright hopeless. This Morning's Phil Vickery explains to Tom Lowe why good food needn't be difficult to make, and how you can make puddings that trump the pros by using basic off-the-shelf products.



Cheat's chocolate banoffee pie

Preparation time: 1 hour (Serves 12)

For the base:

85g butter, melted
250g dark chocolate digestive biscuits, finely crushed

For the filling:

200g dark chocolate, melted
397g can Carnation Caramel

For the topping:

4 bananas
300ml carton double cream, lightly whipped
Cocoa powder to dust

Add the melted butter to the crushed biscuits and blend well. Press the mixture into the base and part way up the sides of an 18cm loose-bottomed cake tin, then chill well.

Make the filling: Melt the chocolate gently in the microwave then mix in the Carnation Caramel. Beat until smooth. Spread the filling over the biscuit base and chill for about 1 hour, until firm. To serve, slice the bananas, fold half of them into the whipped cream and spoon over the base. Decorate with the remaining bananas and dust liberally with cocoa powder.

The piece de resistance of a successful dinner party is often the dessert - but as any host prepared to come clean will tell you, the sweet course is the most likely to come from a carefully hidden supermarket wrapper.

The sad thing is that so many crowd-pleasing puds can be made with minimal effort by even the most blundering cooks - and all using products many people associate with post-war rationing.

"I was always brought up with condensed milk and it was always the done thing," says celebrity chef Phil Vickery, whose own grandmother used it to make home-made ice cream.

"As a pastry chef, when you discover an ingredient this good and this versatile, you know you're onto something. It's such

a great tool in your armoury."

Treated at high pressure and with intense heat, condensed milk is cow's milk with water removed and sugar added - and is perhaps more typically found in a charity hamper than in a Michelin-starred chef's kitchen cupboard.

But Vickery, who makes regular appearances on *This Morning* and *Ready, Steady, Cook*, says condensed milk - and its close relatives, evaporated milk and dulce de leche - are the cheat's way of trumping pros who are too snooty to buy from a supermarket shelf.

"It's about chemistry, it's the structure," he says.

"A lot of chefs think they can do better than a shop-bought product, but they can't. If you were to put 10 chefs in here now, they wouldn't be able to tell the difference."

It's a claim the 48-year-old's even willing to stake his reputation on: he's devised a range of recipes using the products and says anyone can make them.

The husband of TV presenter

Fern Britton, Vickery is one of an elite circle of chefs to have bagged a Michelin star four years in a row, so it seemed only right to test his theory.

First up in the taste test is chocolate banoffee pie - a concept so eccentric, says Vickery, that it could only have been dreamed up by the Brits.

Starting off with a cheesecake-type base, made from melted butter and crushed digestive biscuits, seems straightforward enough. It's when the rest of the recipe turns out to consist of mixing melted chocolate with the dulce de leche, and topping it with sliced bananas and whipped cream, that you realise how simple banoffee pie is.

Perhaps, then, the eloquent-looking lemon posset would pose more of a challenge.

This dessert, like a cool, sweet lemon mousse, calls for whisking condensed milk and double cream together, adding lemon juice, and whisking some more until thick. The chemical balance of the combination means you won't need a separate setting agent, but a slight degree of patience is required: It needs to be chilled before serving with mint leaves and granulated sugar.

The favourites of the day - and the most fun for sharing round the

office - are the raspberry and white chocolate chunk cookies.

A cookie is different to a biscuit in its consistency: A biscuit is crunchy while a cookie should be softer. The biggest threat to success here is losing runaway raspberries off the edges of your dough, which is made by mixing butter, sugar and condensed milk and adding the chocolate chunks. The key, explains Vickery, is to press the fruit into the middle and fold the dough around it. They take about 15 minutes in the oven and come out wonderfully gooey.

These recipes might not be the healthiest, but then they are desserts - and they're inexpensive to make.

According to Vickery, many traditionally cheap, old-fashioned products are making a return to shopping baskets as we seek to keep costs down.

"Nostalgia is coming back - choc and mint, choc and orange... Everything comes down to price. When BSE struck, all the supermarkets slashed all their meat prices - the whole lot went in half an hour.

"As long as people are getting value for money, they're happy."

Here are some of Phil's recipes to try out:



Lemon posset

(Serves 4-6)

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Chilling time: Approximately 1 hour

For the posset:

397g can Carnation Condensed Milk
150ml double cream
Finely grated zest and juice of 4 large unwaxed lemons (about 150ml)

For garnish:

1tbsp chopped mint leaves
1tsp granulated sugar
Squeeze of lemon juice

Whisk the condensed milk and cream together until thick and very light; 4 or 5 minutes.

Add the lemon juice and zest and whip for a few seconds only as the mixture will thicken very quickly.

Spoon the lemon cream into ramekins, or a large trifle bowl and then chill for at least an hour, or overnight.

To serve, muddle the mint leaves with the sugar and lemon

juice and sprinkle a little onto the lemon cream.

Most creamy mousses need some sort of setting agent, gelatine being the most popular. Here, the reaction between the acid from the fruit, the condensed milk and the cream, make a great setting combination.

Serving suggestion: try this with fresh raspberries and a crisp shortbread biscuit

Raspberry and white chocolate chunk cookies

(Makes 20-30 cookies)

Ingredients:

225g unsalted butter, softened
225g caster sugar
170g tube Carnation Condensed Milk
350g self-raising flour
150g white chocolate, chopped
175g punnet raspberries
Preheat the oven to 180 degree Celsius/Gas Mark 4.

In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar, until pale and then stir in the condensed milk. Sift in the flour and then work into a soft dough with your hands. Mix in the chocolate.

Take a small handful of dough and flatten with your fingers. Place 2-3 raspberries into the centre of the cookie and fold over the sides of the dough to encase the raspberries. Repeat with the remaining dough.

Place onto parchment lined baking trays, spacing well apart and bake for about 15-18 minutes or until golden brown at the edges, but still a little soft.

Leave to cool slightly and set before transferring to a cooling rack.

The dough without the raspberries will keep in the fridge for 2-3 days or for about 1 month in the freezer - freeze in small slightly flattened chunks and bake as required.

You can also try these other combinations:

Roasted hazelnuts and dark chocolate
Three tbsp cocoa mixed into plain dough with white and dark chocolate chunks added at the end.
Dried cranberries and macadamia nuts.
Ripple in some Carnation Caramel and add some chopped stem ginger.
Orange zest, raisins and cinnamon.



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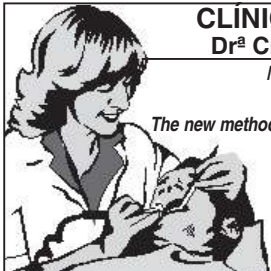
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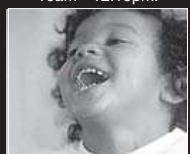
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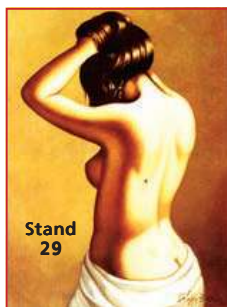
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With only one round remaining until the end of the football season, FC Porto have forced Benfica to take their Liga Sagres run for victory to the last round after beating them 3-1. It is good news for the Algarve as Olhanense managed to maintain their place in the Liga Sagres and Portimonense might also be joining Portugal's top league football.

Three points separate the top two in Liga Sagres, with Benfica only needing a draw against Rio Ave, who are placed in eleventh, to claim the title.

Benfica's celebrations were delayed by FC Porto on Sunday as they beat the 'Reds' 3-1, with Braga keeping the pressure on as their victory against Paços de Ferreira by 1-0 pushed them three points closer to Benfica. If Braga equals Benfica on points this weekend, Braga will be national champions as they beat Benfica in direct confrontation.

Good news for Olhanense as they have managed to keep their place in top flight football after their first season in Liga Sagres, guaranteeing their place by beating Leixões 1-0, who will now be relegated, together with Belenenses, to the Liga de Honra.

The Liga de Honra winners have not yet been decided either, with four teams facing the possibility of being promoted to the Liga Sagres, one of which being Portimonense, who only need a draw to guarantee their promotion to Liga Sagres.

They are currently in second with the same points as Beira-Mar, leaders of the Liga de Honra, and closely followed by Feirense and Oliveirense, who are both only two points away. A draw for Portimonense in the next round against Oliveirense would provide them with automatic promotion.

It promises to be an action-packed last weekend of football, with Benfica looking to win Liga Sagres after five years; and with four teams in the Liga de Honra fighting for promotion.

Portuguese Ryder Cup project asking for heavy-weight partners



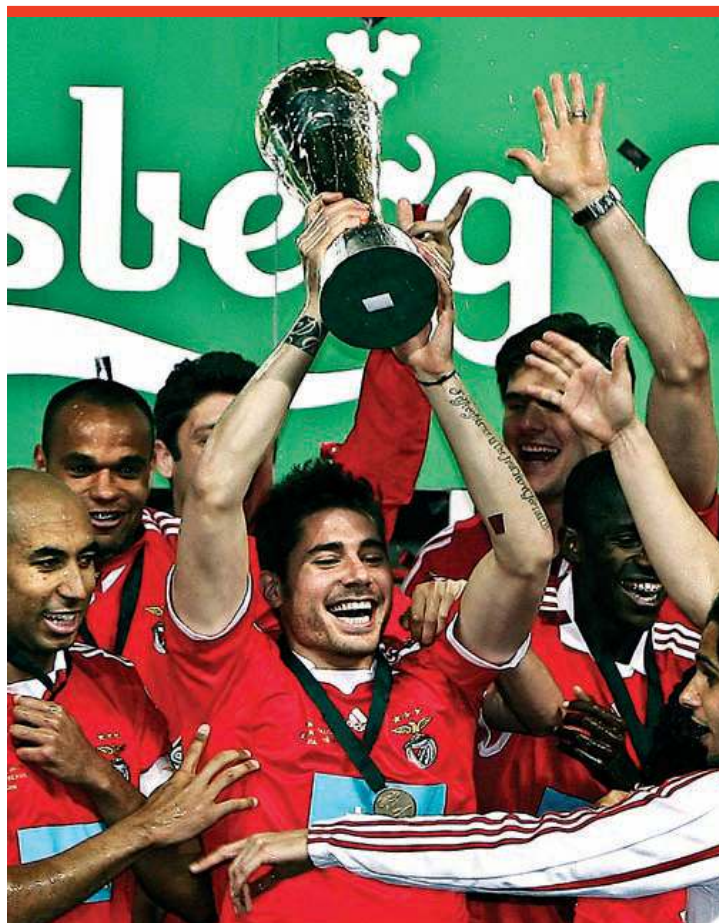
The first two big steps towards the application of the Portuguese Ryder Cup candidate for the 2018 event took place this week. In the Portugal pavilion, at Lisbon's Park of Nations, the Herdade da Comporta's application was officially made, followed by the initial visit and survey of the 12,500 hectare location where the future golf course and two hotels will be constructed.

Budgeted at €25 million, the Herdade da Comporta will have its first real test in sporting events with the Ryder Cup candidacy, included in the plans for tourism development's mega project, which will invest €1.2 billion in sporting events over the next decade if its candidacy wins.

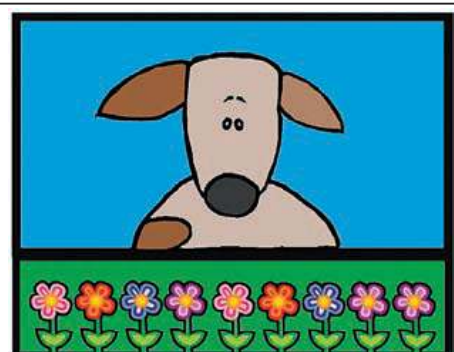
The manager of the project, Carlos Cortés, has not revealed which companies have been contacted for partnerships but they will definitely be among the most influential in Portugal. A heavy-weight partner is categorically needed, according to Mr. Cortés, as Germany's Ryder Cup candidate partner is Audi, from the Volkswagen group.

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Benfica's players lift up the Cup, after winning the final against FC Porto on March 21st at the Algarve Stadium in Loulé. (Photo: Lusa / Luis Forra)



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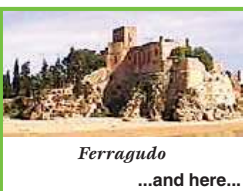
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